



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** due to movement of bridge bearing pads under the SR 62 Pigeon Creek bridge in Vanderburg County, and the imminent risk of potential damage to the state highway system if the bridge is not fixed immediately.

**WHEREAS**, Indiana Code 8-23-11-1 provides that the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation shall declare a roadway disaster emergency involving widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property has occurred or that the occurrence or threat of disaster is imminent.

**WHEREAS**, beginning on March 26, 2020 and continuing through August 20, 2020, INDOT personnel discovered and observed movement of the bridge bearing pads supporting the bridge carrying SR 62 over Pigeon Creek (the "Bridge") in Evansville, Indiana (hereinafter, the "Event").

**WHEREAS**, the Event presents an imminent risk of significant damage to the Bridge and to SR 62.

**WHEREAS**, if conditions are not immediately remedied, the imminent potential damage that may be caused by the Event could require restriction or closure of the Highway to ensure the safety of the traveling public.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Joseph McGuiness, by virtue of my authority as Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation, do hereby declare that an emergency exists due to the Event described above in Evansville. This declaration of emergency shall be effective immediately and shall continue for until the Highways are repaired and reopened to the traveling public.

**FURTHER, I HEREBY ORDER** the Department of Transportation to proceed with due diligence in accordance with Indiana Code 8-23-11-1 and all other applicable laws to ensure that the Bridge and SR 62 remain open to traffic and safe for use by the traveling public.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this 25th day of August 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. McGuiness", is written over a horizontal line.

Joseph McGuiness  
Commissioner  
Indiana Department of Transportation