



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY due to bridge damage being hit by an excavator. The bridge is being monitored and the roadway clear width has been reduced. Additional damage could occur 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 emergency Whenever a bridge, culvert, roadway, or any other physical property of the state highway system has been damaged to the extent it is not usable by the traveling public or is unsafe for use; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2020, the bridge that carries Wesley Station Road over I-74 (I74-27-04938) was hit by a truck carrying a large excavator that damaged the bridge beams. (hereinafter, the "Event"); *and*

WHEREAS, the Event resulted in the bridge being at risk of imminent damage to I-74.

WHEREAS, the imminent damage caused by the Event could result in safety concerns and will require restriction or closure of the Highway if emergency repairs are not done. These emergency repairs are necessary to maintain the safety of the Highway to 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 Montgomery County, Indiana. This declaration of emergency shall be effective immediately and shall continue 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 reopen the highway to traffic and make it safe for the traveling public.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 11th day of December 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