



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

**DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** due to roadway failure due to failure of the chip seal resulting in a large amount of aggregate loss which is causing concern for friction loss. Since the initial failure there are also areas where the underlying chip seal and HMA surface have stripped, creating potholes in both wheel paths. The roadway is being monitored. Additional damage could occur to the state highway system if the roadway 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 June 21, 2021, the SR 252 roadway from 0.8 miles E. of SR 37 (Old Morgantown Rd) to 2.5 miles W of SR 135 (Whetstine Rd) (RP 0+0.80 to RP 6+0.60) started showing signs of failure and issues with friction that could cause crashes appeared on SR 252. (Hereinafter, the "Event"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Event resulted in the roadway being at risk of imminent damage to SR 252 and an increase of crashes.

**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 McGuinness, 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 Morgan 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2021.

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Joseph McGuinness  
Commissioner  
Indiana Department of Transportation