ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF

THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY due to signal control cabinet being hit by a vehicle. The intersection is being controlled by temporary stop signs and it is being monitored for safety and traffic issues.

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 September 18, 2021, the signal control box that controls the traffic signals at SR 66 (Lloyd Expressway) and Fielding Rd in Evansville, was hit by a truck. (hereinafter, the "Event")*; and*

WHEREAS, the Event resulted in the traffic signals being put out of services and converted to temporary stop signs which results in increased risk of delayed traffic and safety issues to the traveling public.

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 Vanderburg 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 18th day of September 2021.

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Joseph McGuinness
Commissioner
Indiana Department of Transportation