



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY due to the approach slab moving on SR 249 bridge into the port of Indiana in Porter County, and the imminent risk of potential damage to the traveling public if this bridge movement 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 June 7th, 2022, INDOT staff investigated the bridge after calls to the Department of Transportation that the SR 249 bridge approach slab is moving in Porter County, Indiana, INDOT personnel discovered movement issues (hereinafter, the "Event").

WHEREAS, the Event presents an imminent risk of significant damage to the traveling public on SR 249.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Smith, 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 Porter 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 ensure that the US 12 eastbound bridge remain open to traffic and safe for use by the traveling public.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 7th day of June 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Michael Smith
Commissioner
Indiana Department of Transportation