

STATE DOCUMENT



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 413

Proclamation of Emergency

WHEREAS, the health, welfare, and economic well-being of the citizens of Wisconsin depend on a safe and efficient transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Daniel Webster Hoan bridge in the city and county of Milwaukee was severely damaged on December 13, 2000 due to catastrophic failure caused by cold weather and embrittlement of the bridge structure; and

WHEREAS, the Hoan bridge has been closed because of this severe damage; and

WHEREAS, the immediate repair and reconstruction of the Hoan bridge, as well as mitigation of potential damage caused by catastrophic failure of portions of the bridge, are vital to the health, welfare, and economic well-being of the citizens of Wisconsin; and

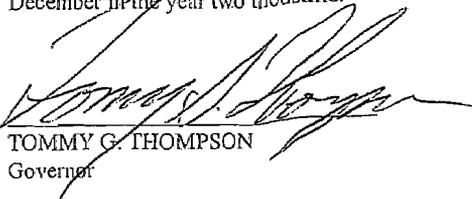
WHEREAS, the Hoan bridge is a part of Interstate Highway 794, a federal-aid highway;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of Wisconsin and by section 166.03(1)(b)1, of the Wisconsin Statutes, and 23 U.S.C. section 125, hereby declare the present severe damage to the Hoan bridge due to cold weather to be a natural disaster, and hereby proclaim the entire county of Milwaukee to be in a state of emergency for a period of 30 calendar days, unless extended by a joint resolution of the legislature.

PURSUANT to said state of emergency, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of Wisconsin, section 166.03(1)(b)1, Wisconsin Statutes, and 23 U.S.C. section 125, I HEREBY PROCLAIM THAT:

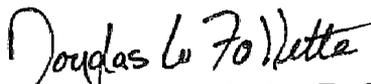
- (1) The immediate repair and reconstruction of the Hoan bridge, and mitigation of potential damage caused by the catastrophic failure of portions of the bridge, are vital to the security, well-being, and health of the citizens of Wisconsin.
- (2) The Federal Highway Administration is requested to concur in the declaration of this emergency and to authorize emergency funding for the repair and reconstruction of the Hoan bridge, and mitigation of potential damage.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this eighteenth day of December in the year two thousand.


TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor



By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State