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November 13, 2023

Ms. Elissa Konove  
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Dear Ms. Konove:

Under the provisions of Section 125, Title 23 of the United States Code, this is a Letter of Intent by the California Department of Transportation to request Emergency Relief (ER) funds to assist in the cost of repairing damages on a Federal-aid highway in California caused by a rapidly spreading fire originating in the airspace under the I-10 structure near the Alameda Street and E 14<sup>th</sup> Street intersection.

Beginning on November 11, 2023, a massive fire near downtown Los Angeles caused extensive damages to a portion of the I-10 freeway structure in Los Angeles County. The damages due to the I-10 Downtown Los Angeles structure fire in Los Angeles County will be continually assessed and reevaluated with additional testing. Total cost of damages are required to meet the Federal ER threshold.

The initial preliminary damage estimate is currently at \$4 million for the State facility, subject to increase. There are no reported Local damages at this time. Additional information will be provided with the subsequent ER Application under Disaster CA24-1 November 2023 LA I-10 Structure Fire.

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Under separate cover, the Office of Federal Resources will be submitting the ER Application, along with the Governor's Proclamation(s) and Damage Survey Summary Report, to provide the Division Administrator with a basis to make a finding that the disaster is eligible for ER funding.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Dave Changizi, Division of Maintenance at (916) 997-0646, or myself at (279) 234-2578 or by e-mail at <fardad.falakfarsa@dot.ca.gov>.

Sincerely,



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