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February 5, 2024

Ms. Elissa Konove
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Federal Highway Administration, California Division
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Sacramento, CA 95814

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 Federal-aid highways in California caused by a series of winter storm events.

Beginning on February 3, 2024 a powerful atmospheric river event struck California, impacting Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties. The storm has resulted in mudslides, a road closure, and is expected to continue for several days, including in areas with burn scars caused by wildfires over the past several years.

The preliminary damage estimate information is currently being gathered by the State and Local agencies affected. Additional information will be provided with the subsequent ER Application under Disaster CA24-3 February 2024 Atmospheric River.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fardad Falakfarsa".

FARDAD FALAKFARSA
Chief
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