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Ms. Elissa Konove  
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Dear Ms. Konove:

As required under 23 CFR 668.111(c), we request your consideration to approve Disaster CA24-6 September 2024 Line Fire in San Bernardino County as eligible under the Emergency Relief Program.

A Governor's Proclamation was executed on September 7, 2024, for the Line Fire in San Bernardino County. The Line Fire is included in the Disaster Survey Summary Report (DSSR), which is attached for your review. The DSSR contains the latest list of identified damaged sites and their corresponding estimated repair costs.

The preliminary damage estimate for the Line Fire is \$9.8 million for State damages and \$141,000 for Local damages reported at this time, subject to increase. The estimated federal share of repair costs on eligible roadways will be required to exceed the \$700,000 threshold per 23 CFR 668.105(j), as indicated in the attached Damage Survey Summary Report.

As provided for in the FHWA Emergency Relief Manual, updated May 31, 2013, under Chapter III, Section A, Detailed Damage Inspections, the Detailed Damage Inspection Reports / Damage Assessment Forms (DDIR/DAF) "are completed at a later date, usually after the Division Administrator has made a finding of ER eligibility." FHWA's Acknowledgement letter dated September 18, 2024, for this disaster included that "all DAFs must be completed by December 20, 2024". Given the anticipated timeframe of a corresponding Finding of Eligibility and the

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necessary work to complete damage assessment, it is anticipated that additional time will be needed. Therefore, as part of this application the State of California formally requests the Damage Assessment Form due date be extended to January 31, 2025, in order to allow field staff to complete and submit DAFs to FHWA for approval.

Upon finding that the above Disaster is eligible, a Program of Projects will be developed and submitted to FHWA within 3 months of the Finding of Eligibility letter, as outlined in 23 CFR 668.13(a). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (279) 234-2578, or by e-mail sent to <fardad.falakfarsa@dot.ca.gov>.

Sincerely,

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Chief  
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Attachment  
Disaster Survey Summary Report (Disaster CA 24-6)

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