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September 11, 2024

Ms. Elissa Konove  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration, California Division  
650 Capitol Mall, Suite 4-100  
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 rapidly spreading wildfires.

Beginning on September 5, 2024, the Line Fire began burning in San Bernardino County, which spread rapidly due to dry fuels, winds, and high temperatures, and continued critical fire weather conditions, impacting San Bernardino County. The Line Fire will be tracked and is required to meet the Federal ER threshold. The fires have caused extensive damage to critical infrastructures and roadside facilities.

The preliminary damage estimate information is being gathered by the State and Local agencies affected. Additional information will be provided with the subsequent ER Application under Disaster CA24-6 September 2024 Line Fire.

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  
Office of Federal Resources

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