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July 24, 2025

Mr. Doug Hecox
Acting Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration, California Division
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Hecox:

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 wildfire.

Beginning on December 9, 2024, the Franklin Fire began burning in Malibu Canyon in the City of Malibu in Los Angeles County, which spread rapidly due to high winds. The fire has caused extensive damage to critical infrastructures and roadside facilities.

Damage to local facilities on federal-aid roads (classified as minor urban collectors or higher) is currently estimated at \$1.14 million and may increase. No damages have been reported or claimed on the State highway system. Further details will be included in the upcoming ER Application for Disaster CA25-4 – December 2024 Franklin 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 Dalton LaBoskey at (279) 444-7282 or by e-mail at <Dalton.LaBoskey@dot.ca.gov> or myself at (279) 599-3199 or by e-mail at <Bob.Baca@dot.ca.gov>.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Baca". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bob" and the last name "Baca" clearly distinguishable.

Bob Baca
Acting Chief
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