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SUBJECT: FY25 Emergency Relief Finding of Eligibility for the September 2025
Storm (CA25-7)

Dear Mr. Lerma:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reviewed the application for Emergency Relief funds for disaster event CA25-7 dated January 16, 2026, as required under 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 668.111(c) and (d). FHWA has determined that the event meets the requirements established under 23 United States Code (USC) 125 and is eligible to receive Emergency Relief funding. The Governor's Proclamation included in your application for Emergency Relief funding identified San Bernardino and Imperial counties.

Per 23 CFR 668.113(a), please submit a Program of Projects for this disaster event by April 30, 2026. The Program of Projects will constitute the current list of sites authorized for Emergency Relief funding under disaster event CA25-7.

The effective disaster event start date for this disaster event CA25-7 is September 18, 2025. The FHWA Acknowledgement letter dated October 7, 2025, established a Damage Assessment Forms (DAFs)/Detailed Damage Inspection Reports (DDIRs) submittal deadline of January 5, 2026. The ER application requested an extension to the DAF/DDIR deadline to perform necessary work to complete the damage assessments. This extension is granted and the DAFs/DDIRs must now be submitted by March 31, 2026.

Per 23 CFR 668.105(h), all Emergency Relief projects associated with this event are expected to advance to construction authorization by September 30, 2027.

Should you have any questions relating to this determination, please contact Peter Pangilinan, Emergency Relief Program Manager, at (916) 498-5886 or Peter.Pangilinan@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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