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Dear Mr. Mammano:

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 rapidly spreading wildfire.

Beginning on October 11, 2021 the Alisal Fire, which spread rapidly due to extensive drought, steep topography, very hot, dry powerful windy conditions, spreading across grass, brush, and scattered timber, impacting Santa Barbara County. The fires have caused extensive damage to critical infrastructure, such as damaged or destroyed roadways, fence, Bridge and the seismic wrap, embankment slopes, retaining wall and culvert headwall, rock drapery netting, guardrails, 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 CA22-1.

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) 651-6132, or myself at (916) 654-3043 or by e-mail at <fardad.falakfarsa@dot.ca.gov>.

Sincerely,

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