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Attention: Federal Resources Office, Room 3500  
For Fardad Falakfarsa, Chief

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Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: Emergency Relief (CA07-1) Letter Of Intent

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of intent, dated April 30, 2007, to request Emergency Relief (ER) funds, authorized under Sections 120 and 125 of Title 23, U.S. Code, for the repair of damage to Federal-aid highways. We acknowledge the Governor's Proclamation that indicates the freeway collapse at the 80/580/880 interchange, near the Bay Bridge, occurred on April 29, 2007 and affected the counties of Alameda and Contra Costa. Federal ER disaster number to be associated with this incident will be CA07-1.

You should proceed with performance of emergency opening work necessary on the Federal-aid highways to restore essential travel, to protect the remaining facilities, and to reduce the extent of damage. Also, you may proceed with preliminary engineering comprising surveys, design, and preparation of construction plans, to perform the permanent restoration work required as an associated part of the emergency operations, and to use State forces and/or negotiated equipment rental contracts, as necessary, to perform the work. All Emergency Opening work accomplished within 180 days from the day of incident, April 29, 2007, to restore essential travel, to minimize the extent of damage, or to protect the remaining facilities may be reimbursed at 100 percent.

We have determined that this occurrence qualifies as serious damage due to a catastrophic failure in accordance with 23 CFR 668.105 and that, therefore, this work is eligible for ER funding. A field report detailing the preliminary estimate of cost to repair and reconstruct the damages and compilation of information concerning the impact of the freeway collapse on the Federal-aid highway system in the Bay Area shall be furnished to this office as soon as possible. We will be meeting with members of your staff to prepare a site damage assessment form (DAF). Please ensure that adequate information is available to complete the DAF, such as detailed cost

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estimates for emergency opening as well as permanent restoration activities to restore the facility and coordinate with Nancy Bobb, (916) 498-5033 for preparation of the DAF.

Permanent Restoration (PR) work other than that performed as an incidental part of the Emergency Opening (EO), shall not be performed prior to program approval and authorization by this office. Also, please note, that 23 CFR 668.105(e) requires any compensation received by the State from insurance proceeds to be used to reduce ER funding liability on the project. If there are questions, please contact Nancy Bobb at (916) 498-5033 or [nancy.bobb@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:nancy.bobb@fhwa.dot.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Gene K. Fong  
Division Administrator