

March 27, 2024

Shailen Bhatt, Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: The Francis Scott Key Bridge (I-695) Collapse, in Baltimore Maryland

Dear Administrator Bhatt:

Under the provisions of Title 23, U.S.C., Section 125, this is the notice of intent by the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority to request Emergency Relief funds to assist in the costs associated with items such as debris removal, demolition, detour to restore, emergency repairs, and design and reconstruction on I-695 and the Francis Scott Key Bridge, on the National Highway System, in Baltimore, Maryland caused by a catastrophic failure from an external cause which resulted in the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge (I-695) over the Patapsco River in the early hours of March 26, 2024. Attached is a copy of the Declaration of a State of Disaster in Maryland signed by Governor Wes Moore on March 26, 2024.

Preliminary estimates of the damages sustained to this facility will be forwarded when assembled. We are continuing to conduct necessary emergency operations, such as implementing detours, to maintain traffic as the disaster area is not passable, and to repair applicable sections sufficiently to protect facilities from further damage and clearing the navigable waters to safely reopen operations at the Port of Baltimore.

In accordance with our conversations, receipt of Emergency Relief funds, through Maryland State Highway Administration, will not impact the ability of the Maryland Transportation Authority to continue to collect tolls for the Francis Scott Key Bridge and its approaches in the future when reconstructed.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Bill Bertrand, SHA Director of the Office of Finance, at 410-545-0030, or via email at bbertrand@mdot.maryland.gov. Mr. Bertrand will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



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