State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 7 JBE 2020

RENEWAL OF STATE OF EMERGENCY – DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on the campus of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, certain roadways, including F Street and H Street (also known as Farm Road), are in need of immediate repairs due to the partial collapse of H Street and its slope destabilization;

WHEREAS, the damage has created significant drainage problems, which have been exacerbated by flooding that continues to be experienced in the area, which could result in loss of life and property;

WHEREAS, Southern University has requested that the Department of Transportation and Development assist in providing matching funds and manpower to assist in making the necessary repairs to the campus roadways and enhancements;

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development has funds available for use as a match and manpower to help repair the compromised roadways and enhancements on Southern University's campus;

WHEREAS, in Terrebonne Parish, the bridge structure that carries Louisiana Highway 3011 over the drainage canal near Dulac was determined, by recent inspection finding, to be in need of immediate replacement;

WHEREAS, the current deteriorated condition of the bridge warrants a low posting of three tons and reduction to single lane travel. Furthermore, there is no current alternate route;

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development intends to perform an emergency replacement of the bridge but, doing so requires a complete closure of the structure;

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District owns sufficient property to provide a detour, bypass road while the emergency bridge replacement is ongoing and the Department of Transportation and Development has funds available and manpower to construct a detour road on the property of Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District to provide a bypass for the traveling public;

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 29:724 confers upon the Governor the power to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for the conduct of state business if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with an emergency; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 48:757 permits the use of state funds on roads outside of the state and federal highway system upon a finding and declaration of an emergency by the Governor.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Pursuant to La. R.S. 48:757, a state of emergency is hereby declared on the campus of Southern University in the City of Baton Rouge for the areas surrounding F and H Streets, for the limited purpose of authorizing the expenditure of state funds to make the necessary repairs to the campus roadways and enhancements.

SECTION 2: Pursuant to La. R.S. 48:757, a state of emergency is hereby declared in the vicinity of the bridge structure that carries Louisiana Highway 3011 over the drainage canal near Dulac, Terrebonne Parish for the limited purpose of authorizing the expenditure of state funds to construct the necessary bypass road on property of the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District.

SECTION 3: Pursuant to La. R.S. 29:724, the prohibitions in La. R.S. 48:757, proscribing the performance of work on a non-state highway system road or street, are hereby suspended to allow for the Department of Transportation and Development to perform the necessary actions to cope with the emergency on Southern University's campus.

SECTION 4: The Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development is hereby authorized to provide funds for the express purpose of meeting the total match that is required to perform the necessary repairs and to provide the manpower necessary to make the repairs to the non-state highway system campus roadways, including F Street and H Street and its enhancements, slope, and drainage.

SECTION 5: This state of emergency is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect from Friday, January 24, 2020 to Saturday, February 22, 2020, unless terminated sooner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 22nd of January, 2020.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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