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Zylkia Martin-Yambo  
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Dear Zylkia Martin-Yambo:

The project award agreement (Agreement) for this grant contains the following language: "The applicant assures and certifies, with respect to any application and awarded Project under this Agreement, that it . . . will cooperate with Federal officials in the enforcement of Federal law, including cooperating with and not impeding U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and other Federal offices and components of the Department of Homeland Security in the enforcement of Federal immigration law" (the "Immigration Condition"). Please be advised that the State of California is a plaintiff in a lawsuit challenging U.S. DOT's imposition of the Immigration Condition on federal funding as unlawful. See *California v. U.S. Dep't of Transp.*, No. 1:25 cv 208 (D.R.I. filed May 13, 2025). On June 19, 2025, the court presiding over that action issued an order enjoining the imposition of the Immigration Condition on federal funding as to any Plaintiff State, including any subdivision or instrumentality thereof. In submitting this application, Tehama County is subject to that court order, and this application should not be construed as a certification as to the Immigration Condition or as a waiver of any rights by Tehama County or the State of California.

As a general matter, please be advised that there is ongoing litigation, along with court orders enjoining various Executive Orders and grant conditions, their applicability, and their enforcement. Many of the Executive Orders and conditions are vague and use undefined terminology and language, failing to provide meaningful criteria that would allow an evaluation of what conduct is required. Nonetheless, to the best of its understanding, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) complies with federal laws applicable to the grant program or grantee, and its use of grant funds and performance of grantee obligations comply with all lawful grant conditions and conditions not subject to litigation. Finally, Caltrans certifies it does not operate discriminatory or illegal programs

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Sincerely,

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Division Chief

c: c: Bob Baca, Acting Office Chief, Office of Federal Programs