

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 24-57

RENEWAL OF STATE OF EMERGENCY – DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.S.48:757, Governor John Bel Edwards declared a state of emergency on October 5, 2017, in Proclamation Number 109 JBE 2017 for repairs to certain roadways on the campus of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College including F Street and H Street (also known as Farm Road);

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, R.S. 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;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., a state of emergency was declared through Proclamation Number 109 JBE 2017.

WHEREAS, R.S. 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, JEFF LANDRY, 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 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 R.S. 29:724, the prohibitions in 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 3: 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 4: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect from

Friday, April 26, 2024 to Sunday, May 26, 2024, unless terminated sooner.

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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 26th day of April 2024.

Jeff Landry

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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SECRETARY OF STATE