

Agenda Item 7 - PowerPoint Presentation



Caltrans District 7 – Los Angeles and Ventura Counties



Emergency Operations Related to State Highway System Presentation to Southern California Association of Governments Transportation Committee Meeting March 6, 2025



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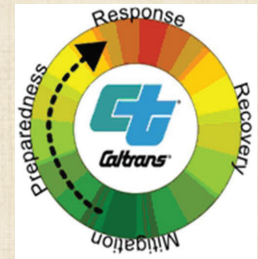


Caltrans D7 Responsibility



State Highway Assets In District 7

- Highway Center Line Miles –1111 miles
- Inter State vs Non-Interstate – 760 vs 351
- Number of Bridges - 2573
- Number of Tunnels - 21
- Number of Culverts 40,000
- Number of Sign Structures – 4404
- Maintenance Stations - 48



4 Phases of Emergency Management



- **Preparation -**
 - Updates of Emergency Operation Plans – Winter Operation, PSPS, Earthquake, Wildfires, Continuity Plan
 - Drills and Exercise that refine field skills and EOC processes
 - Maintain communications with first responders (CHP, CalFire, LAFD, LA County Fire)
 - Plan and Build-in resilience to our infrastructure
- **Response -**
 - EOC Activation, virtually or in-person. Sections activated as needed
 - Emergency traffic management. Maintenance team staying on constant patrol
 - Implement incident command system



- **Recovery -**
 - Engage field maintenance teams to perform clean-up and repairs
 - Director's Order emergency projects
 - Support temporary traffic control and detour measures
 - Provide mutual assistance to affected local communities through collaboration with key state and federal agencies (CalOES, FEMA, ACOE)
- **Mitigation and Prevention –**
 - Implementation of lessons learned from previous incidents
 - Roadside and watershed vegetation management
 - Bridge retrofit and Scour mitigation
 - Culvert Management
 - Wildfire fuel reduction
 - Airspace Management
 - Consistent routine maintenance, rehabilitation and protective betterment
 - Plan projects with built in resilience



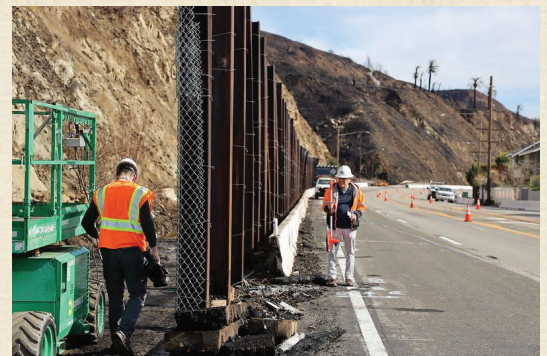
- **Maintenance Division –**
 - Determine need for EOC activation and at what level. Notify HQ DOC and HQ Comm
 - Activate Damage Assessment Teams (DATs) and disseminate damage information.
 - Collaborate and participate in local Emergency Operations Center coordination meetings.
 - Initiate recovery and emergency repair contracts (Director's Orders, etc.).
 - Submit District status reports to HQ DOC on cadence requested by DOC.
 - Consider the efforts needed to transition from response to recovery, and to sustain either.



- **Project Delivery Divisions –**
 - District and Region Geotech, Structures, Design, Project Management, Right of Way, and Environmental functions will assist DDDM with development and delivery of repair strategies and design details.
 - Engage District Construction for administration of emergency repair contracts.
- **Safety and Traffic Operations –**
 - Confirm development of traffic management mitigation plans. May include detours, alternate routes, lane closures, and traffic messaging.
 - Confirm TMCs are updating QuickMap, relaying emergency closure and Estimated Time of Opening information to the HQ Communications Center in a timely manner.
 - Confirm any vehicle weight permit waiver requests have been submitted to HQ Traffic Ops as soon as possible.



- **Legal –**
 - Review declarations, proclamations, or Caltrans' 'Transportation Emergency' for actions and liabilities.
- **External Affairs: Public Information and Legislative Affairs**
 - Receive briefing of media status from District PIO and HQ PIO. Advise of any CPRA requests.
 - Confirm external communication strategy, as led by PIO.
 - Document any elected official inquiries and report to HQ Legislative Affairs.
- **Information Technology**
 - Confirm if any District IT systems are offline; activate IT continuity measures if necessary.
 - Confirm with EOC Director that IT systems in the EOC are operational. Mitigate as appropriate.





Project Actions in response to recent fires



Director's Orders

12 DO Projects on Route 1 (PCH) - \$60M

- Traffic Control
- Retaining wall restoration
- Debris flow clean up
- Embankment restoration
- Roadway repairs

2 DO Projects on Route 27 - \$13M

- Embankment restoration
- Roadway repairs



Thank You!



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