



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 24-26**

***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, 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. 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 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 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 Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect from Wednesday, February 28, 2024 to Friday, March 29, 2024, 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 28th day of February 2024.



Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE**



Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE