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EXHIBIT 3-I REQUEST FOR LOCAL ADVANCE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION
(On Local Agency Letterhead)

To: **Albert Vergel De Dios, P.E.**

District Local Assistance Engineer
464 West 4th Street, MS 760
San Bernardino, CA 92401

Date: 6/8/2021

FTIP/FSTIP ID: _____

Federal Project Number: BRLS-5954(169)

EA: _____

Project Description: Replace 2-lane timber bridge with 2-lane bridge.

Re: Request for Advance Construction Authorization for Preliminary Engineering Phase for Baroda Ditch bridge replacement over National Trails Highway, 24.8 miles east of Crucero Road.

Dear: Albert Vergel De Dios,

The County of San Bernardino requests federal Advance Construction authorization for the *Preliminary Engineering* phase of work for the above referenced project.

> *The County of San Bernardino requests Advance Construction Authorization as five of the 19 bridges were damaged as a result of the July 2017 storms. A section of National Trails Highway has been closed since the storm event. Other bridges along National Trails Highway are also in poor condition and need to be reconstructed ASAP. The bridge projects were initially planned to begin in 2021 but Caltrans pushed Federal funding back to FY 23/24 due to HBP program funding shortfall. It is in the best interest of the travelling public to proceed as planned under AC to avoid further delay.*

The County of San Bernardino understands that currently there are insufficient federal transportation funds (and/or Obligational Authority (OA)) to obligate the appropriate funds for the proposed work. The County of San Bernardino agrees to use local funds in lieu of federal funds to finance the cost of work until such time that federal funds (and/or OA) become available for obligation and subsequent reimbursement of the federal share of work. It is understood that an FTIP amendment may be required when the Advance Construction Authorization is converted to a real obligation of federal funds. It also is understood that federal reimbursement is **not** guaranteed.

The County of San Bernardino understands that work performed prior to federal authorization is ineligible for federal reimbursement and that advertising the construction contract prior to federal authorization will deem the construction and construction phases of work ineligible for federal funds

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For questions regarding this request you may contact Sundaramoorthy (Sri) Srirajan, M.S., P.E. at (909) 387-8167.

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Signature of Local Agency Representative Authorized to Commit Local Funds

Director, County of San Bernardino Department of Public Works

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