



STATE OF WASHINGTON
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE —

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

21-19

Koontz Road Overpass Damage

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2021, the Koontz Road overpass spanning Interstate 5 was severely damaged when a vehicle with an over-height load struck the overpass where it crosses Interstate 5 near milepost 69 in Lewis County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the damage sustained to the overpass under Koontz Road will require replacement of one overpass girder; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation took emergency measures, revising travel lanes to restrict traffic from traveling over the damaged girder; and

WHEREAS, repairs and necessary interstate highway closures were approved by the Washington State Secretary of Transportation. These emergency conditions caused immediate serviceability concerns and significantly reduced the lifespan of the bridge. Repair will require the procurement of a contractor. The estimated cost to repair the damage from the collision is \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation is coordinating resources to repair the roadway and is working to implement repairs; and

WHEREAS, the overpass damage and its effects continue to impact the life and health of the people in the state of Washington, as well as the property and transportation infrastructure, all of which affect life, health, property, and the public peace, and constitute a public emergency demanding immediate action.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay R. Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation and under Chapters 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in Lewis County in the state of Washington, and direct the plans and procedures in the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented. State agencies and departments are directed to utilize state resources and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the incident.

