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On November 4, 2025, the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island issued a decision addressing a U.S. Department of Transportation (“DOT”) grant condition requiring recipients to cooperate with federal officials in enforcing federal immigration law (the “Immigration Enforcement Condition” or “IEC”). *California v. Duffy*, 1:25-cv-208-JJM-PAS (D.R.I.) (Nov. 4, 2025). The Court’s order stated that:

“The IEC is declared unlawful and ordered vacated from all grant agreements administered by Defendants. Defendants are permanently enjoined from implementing or enforcing the IEC against the States, or otherwise attempting to condition federal transportation funding on State cooperation with federal civil immigration enforcement.”

Accordingly, DOT will not include any grant conditions requiring cooperation with federal civil immigration enforcement in any grant agreements presented to recipients for signature on or after November 4, 2025. To the extent any such conditions are included in any grant agreement that was executed or presented for signature prior to November 4, 2025, DOT will not enforce those conditions, the conditions have no legal effect, and the conditions should be considered stricken from the agreements. DOT reserves its rights to appeal the order.