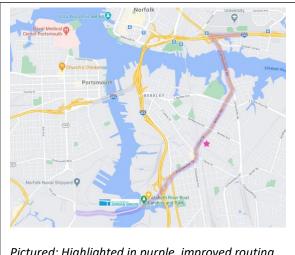
## SOUTH NORFOLK

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Pictured: Highlighted in purple, improved routing between I-264 and the SNJB includes the new Poindexter Street Bridge (indicated by a pink star).

## South Norfolk Jordan Bridge welcomes new Poindexter Street Bridge to city's travel network

Chesapeake, VA – The City of Chesapeake officially dedicated the New Poindexter Street Bridge today, and South Norfolk Jordan Bridge officials were on hand to show support for the realigned project that improves reliable mobility within one of its anchor communities.

After 80 years of service, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridge was closed to traffic in 2018. The replacement bridge was realigned with Poindexter Street (and renamed to more accurately convey its location) and features the addition

of bicycle lanes and sidewalks in both travel directions. The new routing also provides a more direct connection between I-264 and the South Norfolk Jordan Bridge, essentially delivering improved navigation options to avoid traffic challenges in the vicinity of the Downtown Tunnel and Berkley Bridge.

"We stand ready to welcome our neighbors traveling this new bridge and improved route," says General Manager Kevin Crum. "It's now easier than ever to access the South Norfolk historic area or navigate around congestion, construction or bridge lifts by using the new Poindexter Street Bridge to seamlessly connect to the South Norfolk Jordan Bridge and cross the Elizabeth River."

For a map and turn-by-turn directions connecting the South Norfolk Jordan Bridge and new Poindexter Street between I-264 and either side of the Elizabeth River, <u>visit the SNJB website</u>.

Additionally, the City is in the design phase for a five-foot sidewalk that will connect both bridges along Poindexter Street and across I-464. The project provides pedestrian access to the SNJB's award-winning Walkway ad Elizabeth River Park and has a target completion date of Summer 2021. For more information on the Poindexter Street Bridge and Sidewalk projects, please <u>visit the City's website</u>.

## About the South Norfolk Jordan Bridge

The 5,375' long South Norfolk Jordan Bridge is two-lane, fixed span, high-rise toll bridge over the Elizabeth River's Southern Branch. On the west side of the river, the bridge ties into the Elm Avenue and Victory Boulevard intersection near NNSY's Gate 36. On the east side, it connects to Poindexter Street and provides seamless access to I-464. The privately-funded and operated bridge features two 12' wide traffic lanes, two 8' wide shoulders and an award-winning pedestrian sidewalk separated from traffic by a concrete barrier. A fully-electronic video capture system accepts E-ZPass to maximize convenience for users, but it's not required for travel.