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## **South Norfolk Jordan Bridge Prepares for Winter Weather**

Chesapeake, VA – Although a milder winter is predicted for Virginia, the South Norfolk Jordan Bridge (SNJB) today conducted driver and equipment testing in preparation for the harshest winter conditions. Reflective markers have been installed to indication locations of the bridge’s expansion joints for service vehicles and were used today as drivers piloted the mile-long road deck. The practice run is part of the SNJB’s annual winter weather preparations and also includes stockpiling of salt and anti-icing materials to help maintain travel standards during traditional weather events including snow and ice.

“We take great pride in maintaining a reliable river crossing for travel year-round, and especially during adverse weather events,” says General Manager Kevin Crum. “Our winter weather team continually monitors forecasts and approaching weather systems to prepare and respond to changing conditions promptly. Their commitment ensures those who need to travel, including emergency vehicles, can rely on the bridge to be open for necessary travel.”

The SNJB is just over a mile long and provides a reliable crossing of the Elizabeth River’s Southern Branch. The private toll facility maintains the roadway and approaches as part of its standard operating protocol and is cleared promptly in advance of and throughout winter events to maintain reliable east-west access between Portsmouth and Chesapeake/I-464.

During winter weather events, the SNJB reminds drivers to buckle up, minimize unnecessary trips and reduce travel speeds. Drivers should not pass trucks treating or clearing the roadway to allow safe operations. Follow the SNJB Twitter page for notices of changes to road or traffic conditions.

### **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.*

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