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CALL FOR ARTISTS

South Norfolk Jordan Bridge extends Call for Artists submission deadline --Entries due by Sept. 30, 2021--

Chesapeake, VA – In anticipation of its 10th anniversary in 2022, the South Norfolk Jordan Bridge has issued a Call for Artists to create an outdoor art installation. Welcoming thousands of daily travelers, the bridge spans the Elizabeth River’s Southern Branch.

On its west end in Portsmouth, a highly-visible natural area is well-suited for the addition of a dominant outdoor art installation to enhance community interaction and engagement.

“Our bridge itself is one of the region’s largest outdoor works of art, so adding a complementary art installation was a natural extension as we look toward the bridge’s 10th anniversary,” says General Manager Kevin Crum. “It also will provide added visual appeal at the Portsmouth entrance similar to Norfolk artist Peter Geiger’s original work applied to the toll shelter on the Chesapeake side.”

Artists are invited to submit design concepts for consideration that both beautify the area and uplift the traveling community. Entries that include recycled materials will be given preference as part of the selection criteria, and the call is open to all Virginia artists ages 16 and older. Review all the details and submit an entry by visiting the SNJB website.

www.SNJB.net/art

**Entry deadline: 5 pm on Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021
\$2,500 design commission to selected artist(s)**

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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