SOUTH NORFOLK JORDAN BRIDGE

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SNJB Provides Reliable Route during Portsmouth Roadwork/Street Closures
--Pair of May projects likely to cause severe congestion for NNSY workers--

(Chesapeake, VA) -- A pair of road projects scheduled for late May are likely to impact Portsmouth drivers, especially those traveling to and from the Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY). Sewer work is underway at the Effingham Street/Portsmouth Boulevard intersection near the NNSY's main gate entrance which already is negatively affecting traffic utilizing the Downtown Tunnel.

Beginning Friday, May 22nd, access to Elm Avenue between Effingham Street and Victory Boulevard will be restricted to accommodate replacement of a damaged pedestrian bridge and is expected to remain active through Friday, May 29th.

During these projects, the South Norfolk Jordan Bridge (SNJB) and Victory Boulevard provide the only unobstructed access to the NNSY for sailors and contractors via Gates 15, 29 and 36 which will maintain normal hours of operation. To minimize impacts to the Cradock neighborhood, drivers are requested to avoid traveling on Afton Parkway between Effingham Street and Victory Boulevard.

For more information on the South Norfolk Jordan Bridge including travel maps and directions, visit www.SNJB.net or call #757/545-3444.

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 Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River. On the west side of the river, the bridge ties into existing Elm Avenue and Victory Boulevard in Portsmouth. On the east side, it connects to Poindexter Street and provides seamless access to I-464 in Chesapeake. The privately-funded bridge features two 12' wide traffic lanes, two 8' wide shoulders and a pedestrian sidewalk separated from traffic by a concrete barrier. A fully-electronic video capture system uses E-Z Pass to maximize convenience for users, but is not required for travel.

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