



**HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
RESOLUTION 2009-02**

WHEREAS, the Jordan Bridge was decommissioned and closed on November 8, 2008 in order to protect public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization recognizes the Jordan Bridge as a critical link in the region's transportation network; and

WHEREAS, replacing the Jordan Bridge is necessary to restore a vital connection for mobility, regional economic development and commerce, and life-saving emergency evacuation and response; and

WHEREAS, there are not any local, regional, state or federal funds available to replace the Jordan Bridge; and

WHEREAS, a private proposal was submitted by FIGG Bridge Developers to replace the Jordan Bridge using only private funds for design, construction, operation and maintenance of a new bridge; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chesapeake approved the private proposal following advertised public hearings on December 23, 2008 and on January 27, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia General Assembly passed a law by unanimous vote of both the Senate and House of Delegates authorizing the emergency replacement of a new Jordan Bridge as approved by the City of Chesapeake; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2009 the Governor of Virginia signed into law the Act of the General Assembly authorizing the emergency construction of a new Jordan Bridge as approved by the City of Chesapeake; and

WHEREAS, FIGG Bridge Developers are now the owners of the closed Jordan Bridge and property formerly owned by the City of Chesapeake; and

WHEREAS, on February 17 2009 the United States Coast Guard ordered the removal of the closed Jordan Bridge under threat of civil penalties that could be assessed against the City of Chesapeake; and

WHEREAS, FIGG Bridge Developers at their expense without any obligation of any local, regional, state or federal body removed the main span of the closed Jordan Bridge on May 5, 2009; and