



**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