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NEWS RELEASE

The International Bridge Administration today announced that one-way traffic crossings of the International Bridge at Sault Ste. Marie totaled 21,149 for the month of August 2021. Traffic for the calendar year-to-date on August 31, 2021, is 110,612. This represents a year-to-date decrease of 61.9% from 2020 and an 88% decrease compared to 2019. The bridge has processed 103.1 million bridge crossings since 1962.

This difference in crossings comparing 2021 to 2020 is 8,113 which represents an increase of 62.2% for the month of August.

An analysis of traffic statistics for the month reveals the following:

<i>Vehicle Classification</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings August 2019</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings August 2020</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings August 2021</i>	<i>Percent of Total Crossings August 2021</i>
<i>Full-Fare Passenger Cars:</i>	73,095	1,108	6,971	33.0%
<i>Pre-paid Account Fare:</i>	61,331	5,209	6,147	29.1%
<i>Car Pulling Trailers:</i>	9,422	207	1,735	8.2%
<i>Commercial Trucks:</i>	7,513	6,512	6,296	29.7%
<i>Totals:</i>	151,361	13,036	21,149	100.0%

The change in traffic comparing 2021 to pre-pandemic crossings in 2019 for the month of August, autos have decreased 90.5%, pre-paid accounts have decreased 90% and commercial vehicles have declined 16.2%.

The International Bridge funds operational costs with toll revenue, including the bridge structure, maintenance facilities, the Bridge Authority toll plaza, and building maintenance.

Sincerely,

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