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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:*

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

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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