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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 19,463 for the month of October 2021. Traffic for the calendar year-to-date on October 31, 2021, is 152,222. This represents a year-to-date decrease of 52% from 2020 and an 86.8% decrease compared to 2019. The bridge has processed 103.2 million bridge crossings since 1962.

This difference in crossings comparing 2021 to 2020 is 5,825 which represents an increase of 42.7% for the month of October.

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

<i>Vehicle Classification</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings October 2019</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings October 2020</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings October 2021</i>	<i>Percent of Total Crossings October 2021</i>
<i>Full-Fare Passenger Cars:</i>	45,073	915	4,592	23.6%
<i>Pre-paid Account Fare:</i>	59,459	5,900	7,757	39.9%
<i>Car Pulling Trailers:</i>	2,369	184	833	4.3%
<i>Commercial Trucks:</i>	8,047	6,639	6,281	32.2%
<i>Totals:</i>	114,948	13,638	19,463	100.0%

The change in traffic comparing 2021 to pre-pandemic crossings in 2019 for the month of October, autos have decreased 89.8%, pre-paid accounts have decreased 87% and commercial vehicles have declined 21.9%.

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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