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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 24,674 for the month of December 2021. Traffic for the calendar year-to-date on December 31, 2021, is 195,657. This represents a year-to-date decrease of 42.5% from 2020 and an 85.5% decrease compared to 2019. The bridge has processed 103.2 million bridge crossings since 1962.

This difference in crossings comparing 2021 to 2020 is 13,221 which represents an increase of 115.4% for the month of December.

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

<i>Vehicle Classification</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings December 2019</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings December 2020</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings December 2021</i>	<i>Percent of Total Crossings December 2021</i>
<i>Full-Fare Passenger Cars:</i>	36,349	807	7,987	32.4%
<i>Pre-paid Account Fare:</i>	56,735	4,163	10,690	43.3%
<i>Car Pulling Trailers:</i>	599	110	342	1.4%
<i>Commercial Trucks:</i>	6,708	6,373	5,655	22.9%
<i>Totals:</i>	100,391	11,453	24,674	100.0%

The change in traffic comparing 2021 to pre-pandemic crossings in 2019 for the month of December, autos have decreased 78%, pre-paid accounts have decreased 81.2% and commercial vehicles have declined 15.7%.

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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