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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:*

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

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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