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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 18,761 for the month of November 2021. Traffic for the calendar year-to-date on November 30, 2021, is 170,983. This represents a year-to-date decrease of 48% from 2020 and an 86.4% decrease compared to 2019. The bridge has processed 103.2 million bridge crossings since 1962.

This difference in crossings comparing 2021 to 2020 is 6,952 which represents an increase of 58.9% for the month of November.

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

Vehicle Classification	One-Way Crossings November 2019	One-Way Crossings November 2020	One-Way Crossings November 2021	Percent of Total Crossings November 2021
<b>Full-Fare Passenger Cars:</b>	<b>33,518</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>4,375</b>	<b>23.3%</b>
<b>Pre-paid Account Fare:</b>	<b>55,918</b>	<b>4,475</b>	<b>8,010</b>	<b>42.7%</b>
<b>Car Pulling Trailers:</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>2.4%</b>
<b>Commercial Trucks:</b>	<b>6,978</b>	<b>6,339</b>	<b>5,927</b>	<b>31.6%</b>
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>97,236</b>	<b>11,809</b>	<b>18,761</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The change in traffic comparing 2021 to pre-pandemic crossings in 2019 for the month of November, autos have decreased 86.9%, pre-paid accounts have decreased 85.7% and commercial vehicles have declined 15.1%.

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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