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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 22,147 for the month of September 2021. Traffic for the calendar year-to-date on September 30, 2021, is 132,759. This represents a year-to-date decrease of 56.3% from 2020 and an 87.2% decrease compared to 2019. The bridge has processed 103.2 million bridge crossings since 1962.

This difference in crossings comparing 2021 to 2020 is 8,646 which represents an increase of 64.0% for the month of September.

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

<i>Vehicle Classification</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings September 2019</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings September 2020</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings September 2021</i>	<i>Percent of Total Crossings September 2021</i>
<i>Full-Fare Passenger Cars:</i>	51,985	984	6,447	29.1%
<i>Pre-paid Account Fare:</i>	57,034	5,559	7,607	34.3%
<i>Car Pulling Trailers:</i>	5,912	212	1,861	8.4%
<i>Commercial Trucks:</i>	7,697	6,746	6,232	28.2%
<i>Totals:</i>	122,628	13,501	22,147	100.0%

The change in traffic comparing 2021 to pre-pandemic crossings in 2019 for the month of September, autos have decreased 87.6%, pre-paid accounts have decreased 86.7% and commercial vehicles have declined 19%.

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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