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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 13,725 for the month of July 2021. Traffic for the calendar year-to-date on July 31, 2021, is 89,463. This represents a year-to-date decrease of 67.7% from 2020 and an 90.7% decrease compared to 2019. The bridge has processed 103.1 million bridge crossings since 1962.

This difference in crossings comparing 2021 to 2020 is 1,655 which represents an increase of 13.7% for the month of July.

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

<i>Vehicle Classification</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings July 2019</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings July 2020</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings July 2021</i>	<i>Percent of Total Crossings July 2021</i>
<i>Full-Fare Passenger Cars:</i>	<b>70,727</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>2,067</b>	<b>15.1%</b>
<i>Pre-paid Account Fare:</i>	<b>61,945</b>	<b>4,657</b>	<b>5,179</b>	<b>37.7%</b>
<i>Car Pulling Trailers:</i>	<b>8,085</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
<i>Commercial Trucks:</i>	<b>7,256</b>	<b>6,278</b>	<b>6,204</b>	<b>45.2%</b>
<i>Totals:</i>	<b>148,013</b>	<b>12,070</b>	<b>13,725</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The change in traffic comparing 2021 to pre-pandemic crossings in 2019 for the month of July, autos have decreased 97.1%, pre-paid accounts have decreased 91.6% and commercial vehicles have declined 14.5%.

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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