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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:

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

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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