

MACKINAC BRIDGE AUTHORITY

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December Traffic Report

Robert J. Sweeney, Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, reported today that 199,146 vehicles crossed the Mackinac Bridge during the month of December. This represents a 5.9 percent increase when compared to the 188,083 crossings during December 2008. Fare revenue for the month of December was up 10.2 percent compared to 2008.

Traffic for 2009 is up 4.9 percent from 2008; 3,877,375 vehicles vs. 3,695,757 in 2008. Fare revenue for the year is up 4.3 percent compared to 2008.

In 2007, the Mackinac Bridge reached a milestone - the 50-year anniversary of the opening of the bridge. Over the next decade the bridge will undergo some unprecedented preservation and rehabilitation projects. These major projects will ensure that the Mackinac Bridge continues to maintain high marks in the structural integrity of the bridge and provide pleasurable and expedient passages over the Straits of Mackinac.

The Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) is committed to preserving and maintaining the State of Michigan's icon for another 50 years and beyond. The MBA will work diligently on its long-term preservation strategy to continuously review and implement a variety of cost-saving measures, as appropriate.

	Traffic <u>2009</u>	Traffic <u>2008</u>	% <u>Inc.</u>	Fare Revenues <u>2009</u>	Fare Revenues <u>2008</u>	% <u>Change</u>
January	178,965	180,895	-1.1	\$754,190	\$711,793	6.0
February	190,669	194,395	-1.9	\$811,097	\$757,109	7.1
March	208,332	217,800	-4.3	\$886,354	\$960,337	-7.7
April	230,508	210,946	9.3	\$940,323	\$950,101	-1.0
May	324,158	309,548	4.7	\$1,264,124	\$1,280,937	-1.3
June	388,997	366,985	6.0	\$1,525,987	\$1,484,334	2.8
July	548,267	504,818	8.6	\$2,048,673	\$1,919,803	6.7
August	557,125	553,171	0.7	\$2,143,878	\$2,055,049	4.3
September	431,613	365,919	18.0	\$1,703,443	\$1,462,724	16.5
October	342,057	340,071	0.6	\$1,352,816	\$1,371,330	-1.4
November	277,533	263,126	5.5	\$1,107,364	\$1,034,948	7.0
December	199,146	188,083	5.9	\$835,168	\$758,026	10.2