

# MACKINAC BRIDGE AUTHORITY

## Press Release

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### December Traffic Report

Robert J. Sweeney, Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, reported today that 188,083 vehicles crossed the Mackinac Bridge during the month of December. This represents a 10.2 percent decrease when compared to the 209,525 crossings during December 2007.

Fare revenue for the month of December was up 2.3 percent and 7.3 percent for the year, compared to 2007. This increase is due to the toll restructuring that was implemented on March 1, 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. Regardless of traffic volumes, 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>2008</u>	Traffic <u>2007</u>	% <u>Inc.</u>	Fare Revenues <u>2008</u>	Fare Revenues <u>2007</u>	% <u>Change</u>
January	180,895	198,878	-9.0	\$711,793	\$763,991	-6.8
February	194,395	204,068	-4.7	\$757,109	\$773,945	-2.2
March	217,800	223,317	-2.5	\$960,341	\$829,402	15.8
April	210,946	234,249	-9.9	\$950,101	\$848,249	12.0
May	309,549	331,497	-6.6	\$1,280,938	\$1,168,109	9.7
June	366,985	413,485	-11.2	\$1,484,334	\$1,371,475	8.2
July	504,818	577,884	-12.6	\$1,919,803	\$1,799,740	6.7
August	553,171	574,968	-3.8	\$2,055,049	\$1,808,543	13.6
September	365,919	442,156	-17.2	\$1,462,724	\$1,427,874	2.4
October	340,071	360,835	-5.8	\$1,371,316	\$1,224,441	12.0
November	263,126	283,780	-7.3	\$1,034,948	\$983,055	5.3
December	188,083	209,525	-10.2	\$758,026	\$741,274	2.3