

MACKINAC BRIDGE AUTHORITY

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February Traffic Report

Robert J. Sweeney, Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, reported today that 190,669 vehicles crossed the Mackinac Bridge during the month of February. This represents a 1.9 percent decrease when compared to the 194,395 crossings during February 2008.

Fare revenue for the month of February was up 7.1 percent compared to 2008. 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>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