

MACKINAC BRIDGE AUTHORITY

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May Traffic Report

Robert J. Sweeney, Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, reported today that 324,158 vehicles crossed the Mackinac Bridge during the month of May. This represents a 4.7 percent increase when compared to the 309,548 crossings during May 2008. Fare revenue for the month of May was down 1.3 percent compared to 2008.

This is the second month in a row that traffic has increased at the Mackinac Bridge. "We are cautiously optimistic that this trend will continue," said Sweeney. "We are in positive territory for traffic this year and these numbers are very encouraging," he added.

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	Traffic	%	Fare	Fare	%
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Inc.</u>	<u>2009</u>	<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