

MACKINAC BRIDGE AUTHORITY

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May Traffic Report

Summer Traffic Projections Encouraging

Robert J. Sweeney, Executive Secretary of the MBA, reported today that 294,601 vehicles crossed the Mackinac Bridge during the month of May compared to 323,985 in 2010.

For the month of May, traffic is down 9.1% and fare revenue is down 6.3% compared to last year.

Sweeney said, "The good news is that commercial traffic is up slightly for 2011. Even though overall traffic has declined recently due to rising fuel costs, we are hopeful and encouraged that the economy is rebounding and the upcoming tourist season will be a very busy one for us."

The Mackinac Bridge Authority has scheduled a substantial amount of long-term preservation work for the bridge over the next several years. These major efforts will ensure that the bridge continues to remain structurally sound and provide a safe crossing for everyone.

The MBA's sole source of funding is from tolls and fees collected at the Mackinac Bridge. All revenue collected is used to maintain, operate, and protect the 53-year-old National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark.

	Traffic	Traffic	%	Fare	Fare	%
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Inc.</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
January	177,099	182,416	-2.9	\$994,718	\$973,715	2.2
February	185,986	194,714	-4.5	\$1,018,423	\$1,044,581	-2.5
March	202,417	219,022	-7.6	\$1,157,188	\$1,185,198	-2.4
April	222,110	247,155	-10.1	\$1,186,029	\$1,294,460	-8.4
May	294,601	323,985	-9.1	\$1,518,726	\$1,620,890	-6.3