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## **Half of the "Mighty Mac" will get paved beginning April 13**

**April 10, 2009** -- The Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) today announced that the entire stretch of the southbound lanes of the bridge will be milled and resurfaced beginning Monday, April 13, weather permitting. Two-way traffic will utilize the northbound lanes for the duration of the project.

"This is the same type of work we had going last year but it is on the opposite side," said MBA Chief Engineer Kim Nowack. "So that we can accommodate the high number of holiday travelers, we will make sure that all lanes are open for the Memorial Day weekend."

During construction, wide loads exceeding 10 feet will only be able to cross between 4-5 a.m. on weekdays. Crews are expected to complete the entire project by June 17 when all lanes of the bridge will be open in time for the annual car show in St. Ignace. Each year the car show brings a steady volume of traffic to the Straits area.

For future construction and information updates, MBA officials announced that they are in the process of establishing an automated e-mail service. More information will become available in the near future online at [www.mackinacbridge.org](http://www.mackinacbridge.org).

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### March Traffic Report

Robert J. Sweeney, Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, reported today that 208,332 vehicles crossed the Mackinac Bridge during the month of March. This represents a 4.3 percent decrease when compared to the 217,800 crossings during March 2008. Fare revenue for the month of March was down 7.7 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. 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
March	208,332	217,800	-4.3	\$886,354	\$960,337	-7.7