

# MACKINAC BRIDGE AUTHORITY

## Press Release

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### July Traffic Report

Robert J. Sweeney, Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, reported today that 548,267 vehicles crossed the Mackinac Bridge during the month of July. This represents an 8.6 percent increase when compared to the 504,818 crossings during July 2008. Fare revenue for the month of July was up 6.7 percent compared to 2008.

This is the fourth month in a row traffic has increased on the bridge compared to the same time last year. If this continues, we should reach another milestone, in early September, when the 150 millionth vehicle crosses. Factoring in July's activity, volume is up for the year and we expect to end the year with a positive traffic total.

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
June	388,997	366,985	6.0	\$1,525,987	\$1,484,334	2.8
July	548,267	504,818	8.6	\$2,048,673	\$1,919,803	6.7