

Mackinac Bridge July traffic report

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Robert J. Sweeney, Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, reported today that 638,340 vehicles crossed the Mackinac Bridge during the month of July. This represents a 6.9 percent decrease when compared to the 685,603 crossings during July 2002. Commercial traffic for the month of July was up 2.7 percent.

Traffic for the first seven months of 2003 is running 4.9 percent behind last year's pace; 2,421,357 vehicles versus 2,547,016 in 2002. Commercial traffic for the first seven months of 2003 is up 2.1 percent over the same period of last year.

Fare revenue for the month of July was up 50.8 percent and 28.6 percent for the year, compared to 2002. This increase is due to the recent toll restructuring that was implemented on May 1, 2003.

Mr. Sweeney reported that construction activity is in full swing at the Mackinac Bridge. This year's maintenance and construction programs include the first phase of a \$73 million painting project, crossbeam repair, spot blasting, and structural concrete repair. Mr. Sweeney asks that travelers drive with extreme caution during the construction season, slow down, be aware of our construction workers, and "Give 'em a Brake".