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NEWS RELEASE

The International Bridge Administration today announced that one-way traffic crossings of the International Bridge at Sault Ste. Marie totaled 124,166 for the month of January, 2010. This represents an increase of 5.3% as compared to January, 2009.

Traffic statistics for the month are as follows:

<i>Vehicle Classification</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings</i>	<i>Change from January, 2009</i>	<i>Percent of Total Crossings</i>
<i>Full-Fare Passenger Cars:</i>	53,315	10.1%	43.0%
<i>Commuter Fare:</i>	61,382	1.1%	49.4%
<i>Car Pulling Trailers</i>	1,128	-1.2%	0.9%
<i>Commercial Trucks:</i>	8,341	8.6%	6.7%
<i>Totals:</i>	124,166	5.3%	100%

Traffic for calendar year 2010 has totaled 124,166 vehicles; this represents an increase of 5.3% as compared to 2009. Since the bridge opened in 1962, over 88.1 million vehicles have crossed the structure.

Manager's note:

In 2012 the Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge will reach a significant milestone – the 50-year anniversary of the opening of the bridge. In the next 15 years nearly \$50 million in toll revenue is needed to fund capital improvement projects to keep the aging bridge and plazas operationally safe and structurally sound. This unprecedented expenditure will ensure the Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge will continue to serve as a key economic link for trade and commerce between Michigan and Ontario, and the United States and Canada.

Sincerely,

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