

MACKINAC BRIDGE AUTHORITY

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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	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