

MACKINAC BRIDGE AUTHORITY

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February Traffic Report

Robert J. Sweeney, Executive Secretary of the MBA, reported today that 185,986 vehicles crossed the Mackinac Bridge during the month of February compared to 194,714 in 2010.

For the month of February, traffic is down 4.5 % and fare revenue is down 2.5% compared to last year.

Sweeney noted, "The Mackinac Bridge Authority's sole source of funding is from tolls and fees collected at the Mackinac Bridge. All revenue collected is used to maintain and operate the bridge effectively as we continuously focus on the goals of our long-term preservation strategy. In an effort to reduce operational costs and remain efficient, the MBA staff will continue to implement a variety of cost-saving measures, as appropriate."

The Mackinac Bridge Authority has scheduled a substantial amount of long-term preservation work for the bridge over the next several years. These major efforts will ensure that the bridge continues to remain structurally sound and provide a safe crossing for everyone.

	Traffic	Traffic	%	Fare	Fare	%
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Inc.</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
January	177,099	182,416	-2.9	\$994,718	\$973,715	2.2
February	185,986	194,714	-4.5	\$1,018,423	\$1,044,581	-2.5