## Saskatchewan City Mayors Caudus

June 26, 2012

The Honourable Brad Wall Premier of Saskatchewan 226 Legislative Building Regina, SK S4S 0B3

## **Dear Premier Wall:**

At the recent meeting of the Saskatchewan City Mayors' Caucus, a resolution passed requesting that the Government of Saskatchewan initiate a photo-radar pilot project on the section of the Trans-Canada highway within the boundaries of Moose Jaw.

The Trans-Canada passes through the corporate city limits of Moose Jaw for 9.5 km, intersecting with two main roadways: the Highway 2 overpass and the intersection of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northwest and Thatcher Drive East. The speed limit on this section is reduced from 110 km/h to 100 km/h for 8.5 km, and further reduced to 80 km/h for 500 meters either side of the intersection of Highway 1 and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northwest.

Speed limit reductions and periodic enforcement have done little to change motorists' speed on this section. Since 2000, there have been 72 collisions along this stretch of highway. The recent announcement of the construction of a new hospital adjacent to the highway could further increase traffic on Highway 1 and the potential for collisions.

Currently, photo radar is not an approved enforcement tool in Saskatchewan. The CMC believes there is value in exploring what impact photo radar may have on this section of highway and what potential exists to address speeding in other areas of the province. The CMC would like to work with the Government of Saskatchewan to implement this pilot project.

Should you have further questions regarding this decision, please contact Mark Cooper, Director of SUMA Policy and Communications at <a href="mailto:mcooper@suma.org">mcooper@suma.org</a> or (306) 525-4388.

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