Background

In 2013 the Government of Saskatchewan formed an All Party Special Traffic Safety Committee that conducted extensive public consultation directed at enhancing public safety in Saskatchewan. As part of its recommendations the committee supported Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) implementing an Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) pilot project in Saskatchewan.

In November 2013, the Government of Saskatchewan announced the implementation of a two-year ASE pilot project to slow drivers down through high speed, high collision, and high traffic volume areas throughout the province. In Saskatoon, five locations on Circle Drive and five school zones were selected for the implementation of the two-year provincial pilot project.

Other locations included in the project were Highway #1 East between Pilot Butte and White City, Highway #12 at Martensville, the Regina Ring Road, and Highway #1 near Moose Jaw. Cameras were also installed in school zones in Regina and Moose Jaw.

In January 2014, SGI presented the ASE project to the Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners. This information was received by the Board, and in June 2014, the Board provided their support for a two-year pilot project.

Provincial legislation and regulation changes were also made to enable the pilot project based on the specific locations involved in the pilot project.