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Transportation and Mobility Department

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Ed Reiskin  
National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO)  
120 Park Avenue, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Reiskin:

The National Association of City Transportation Officials' *Urban Street Design Guide* represents a vision for world-class city street design that meets the goals of our city leaders and the desires of our communities. As transportation directors, we find ourselves today in the midst of unprecedented change, as the demands placed upon our streets and the desires of our citizens have set in motion a new paradigm for and perception of the street itself to be a multimodal facility. Pressures from public health to climate change to mobile technology are together reshaping and redefining our profession, while at the same time opening opportunities for innovation that were inconceivable only a decade ago.

At a time when cities are striving to react to these trends, the *Urban Street Design Guide* offers a concrete vision for improving the safety and livability of our streets for pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, and transit users. City streets demand a unique approach unmet by conventional design guidelines. The guidance, vision, and flexibility articulated in the *Urban Street Design Guide* instigate a new and important direction for cities. We see the Guide as an indispensable tool in planning modern city streets, especially as we work toward a common vision with our partners at all levels of government.

The City of Fort Lauderdale champions the NACTO *Urban Street Design Guide* as an integral and effective tool for designing streets and public spaces. The Guide is consistent with the Complete Streets Policy adopted by the Fort Lauderdale City Commission and the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision* established by our residents to have a Connected Community for all modes of transportation.

Sincerely,

Diana Alarcon  
Director of Transportation & Mobility