



# NACTO



## Membership

2012

## Thank you for considering membership with the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO).

The role of the city in the social, economic, cultural and environmental life of the United States has never been more important than it is today. The 100 largest metro areas in the US generate 75% of our nation's gross domestic product and are home to 65% of our people. Yet in spite of this critical role, city departments of transportation have historically lacked direct relationships with the US Department of Transportation, and had virtually no meaningful political or technical relationships with each other. Moreover, cities have often been neglected in federal transportation priorities and by state departments of transportation that were traditionally more focused on building major interstates through less populated areas.

Since its founding in 1998, NACTO has provided a much-needed forum for the exchange of ideas and best transportation practices among large US cities and helped ensure that cities have a strong voice in federal transportation policy. Your membership in NACTO is an investment in these ideals.

NACTO's mission is to encourage the exchange of transportation ideas, insights and practices among large cities while advocating for a federal transportation policy that prioritizes investment in infrastructure in the nation's large cities and their metropolitan areas. To meet these objectives, NACTO members engage in:

- Sharing data and best practices, through annual research projects, workshops, and peer-to-peer sessions;
- Communicating regularly, through conference calls with peer cities and an Annual Meeting during the Transportation Research Board's Annual Meeting; and,
- Advocating change in transportation laws, regulations, and financing to enable large Cities to better provide the integrated transportation services envisioned by SAFETEA-LU. (UPDATE)

In 2012-13, NACTO will launch its Designing Cities: Leading the Way to World Class Streets initiative. The initiative will include a major conference in New York City in Fall 2012, a groundbreaking Urban Street Design Guide, and a nationwide workshop series on sustainable urban design for transportation. For more information on Designing Cities, please visit [nacto.org/designingcities/](http://nacto.org/designingcities/).

This packet includes information on NACTO's mission, history and guiding principles, as well as a list of benefits that NACTO members enjoy. NACTO's position on the federal transportation authorization can be found at <http://nacto.org/platform.html> and information on NACTO's Streetfilms video series that highlight innovative transportation projects at NACTO cities around the US may be found at <http://nacto.org/videos.html>. We hope you will consider adding your city to the growing list of NACTO members.

If you are interested in becoming a full member of NACTO, please contact Executive Director Ron Thaniel at [ronthaniel@nacto.org](mailto:ronthaniel@nacto.org).

## Why NACTO?

**Benefit from direct peer to peer exchange with city transportation officials.**

**Contribute to the development of new urban design standards tailored specifically to communities like your own.**

# Membership Benefits

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$7,500 for all jurisdictions

## BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Regular and consistent dialogue between and among members through conference calls and meetings, with a regular annual meeting during the January TRB conference in Washington, DC.
- Annual meetings with the Secretary of U.S. Department of Transportation. Member cities have the opportunity to express their thoughts and concerns and offer suggestions for improving the federal transportation program in the nation's large cities. In the past, NACTO has also met with the heads of the Department of Homeland Security, the Transportation Security Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, and the Federal Highway Administration.
- Participation in research and peer-to-peer workshops. Such events allow cities the opportunity to formally showcase initiatives, explore difficulties they are facing, and learn from their colleagues' experiences in other cities. Past topics have included: traffic management; fiber optic sharing; pedestrian planning; operations; parking, pricing, and management; bike share; and context sensitive design.
- Cities for Cycling. Participation in NACTO's Cities for Cycling Project seeks to share these best practices among leading cities and encourage State and Federal governments to adopt the new design treatments emerging from cities as standard practices. Travel reimbursement for NACTO-related activities

## TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

In addition to the benefits listed below, travel support of up to \$1875 may be available for cities based on application and available resources.

## NACTO Member Cities

### NEW YORK CITY

Janette Sadik-Khan  
NACTO President  
Commissioner  
Department of Transportation

### PORTLAND

Sam Adams  
NACTO 1st Vice President  
and Secretary  
Mayor  
City of Portland

### PHOENIX

Wylie Bearup  
NACTO 2nd Vice President  
Director  
Street Transportation  
Department

### CHICAGO

Gabriel Klein  
NACTO Treasurer  
Commissioner  
Department of Transportation

### ATLANTA

Richard Mendoza  
Commissioner  
Department of Public Works

### BALTIMORE

Khalil Zaied  
Director  
Department of Transportation

### BOSTON

Thomas J. Tinlin  
Commissioner  
Transportation Department

### DETROIT

Ron Freeland  
CEO  
Department of Transportation

### HOUSTON

Jeffrey Weatherford  
Deputy Director, Traffic &  
Transportation, Public Works  
and Engineering Department

### LOS ANGELES

Jaime De la Vega  
General Manager  
Department of Transportation

### MINNEAPOLIS

Jon Wertjes  
Director of Traffic & Parking  
Services  
Department of Public Works

### PHILADELPHIA

Rina Cutler  
Deputy Mayor, Mayor's Office  
of Transportation and Utilities

### SAN FRANCISCO

Ed Reiskin  
Director of Transportation  
Municipal Transportation  
Agency

### SEATTLE

Peter Hahn  
Director  
Department of Transportation

### WASHINGTON, DC

Terry Bellamy  
Director  
Department of Transportation

### Affiliate Members:

#### AUSTIN

#### CAMBRIDGE

#### HOBOKEN

#### INDIANAPOLIS

#### MEMPHIS

#### VENTURA



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# About NACTO

## HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION

NACTO was founded in 1996 by then Commissioner Elliot Sander of New York City's Department of Transportation after concluding that, unlike the nation's States which often interact with each other and through the American Association of State and Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO), the large central cities had virtually no meaningful political or technical relationships with each other. Moreover, they also lacked such critical relationships with the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT).

With the support of then USDOT Deputy Secretary Mortimer Downey, Sander reached out simultaneously to the Commissioners or Deputy Mayors of Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Philadelphia in mid 1995. In early 1996, the cities came together for the first time in Washington, DC for a series of meetings with USDOT, AASHTO, the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), and Public Technology, Inc. (PTI).

As a group they achieved several significant results including the federal funding of individual projects in the cities, creating the USDOT joint offices in the large cities, and the conditional recertification of the Boston metropolitan planning organization (MPO). The five cities formalized the organization shortly thereafter, expanding it in successive years and adding to their success of functioning as a coherent group with the creation of the Transportation Research Board's Large Cities Committee. During that same time, IMPACTS, an association of transportation officials from eleven European cities, was being established in Europe. Recognizing the advantages of a mutual exchange between the European and U.S. cities, the two associations formed a close relationship.

NACTO is led by a President and two Vice Presidents, each with 2-year terms, and is advised by its former Presidents. Each member city also designates at least one key staff member who can interact with NACTO when the Commissioner or General Manager is unable to do so. Dues are provided on an annual basis by each member city.

## Mission

NACTO encourages the exchange of transportation ideas, insights, and practices among large central cities while fostering a cooperative approach to key national transportation issues.

We do this by:

- Sharing data and best practices, through research projects and peer-to-peer sessions;
- Communicating regularly, through conference calls with the Cities and via an annual meeting with the USDOT Secretary and other federal agencies;
- Advocating change in transportation laws, regulations, and financing to enable large cities to better provide the integrated transportation services envisioned by Federal transportation law.

## GUIDING PHILOSOPHY AND VISION

NACTO views the transportation departments of major cities as effective and necessary partners in regional and national transportation efforts. They believe that representative involvement of major cities should be a required institutional element of metropolitan planning organizations, particularly in the areas of technology deployment and transportation operations. Further, given the size of these cities, their status as national gateways and economic engines, and the likelihood of them serving as first responders in national security incidents, direct and regular interaction between large cities and USDOT is beneficial to all parties involved. Finally, NACTO members believe that by working together, they are able to share information and best practices, which helps save time and money.

# NACTO Membership Form

City Name:

Transportation Commissioner (or equivalent):

Title:

Agency:

Staff Contact Name:

Staff Contact Title:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Staff Contact Email:

Commissioner (or equivalent) Phone:

Staff Contact Phone:

Fax:

Website:

## MEMBERSHIP DUES:

### Full Membership

\$7,500 for all jurisdictions

### Affiliate Membership

\$2,500 for jurisdictions with population over 300,000

\$1,500 for jurisdictions with population below 300,000

Please scan and email this form to [ronthaniel@nacto.org](mailto:ronthaniel@nacto.org).  
You will be invoiced upon approval of your membership.

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