



CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CITY OF CHICAGO

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National Association of City Transportation Officials
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041

Dear President Sadik-Kahn:

The City of Chicago Department of Transportation enthusiastically endorses NACTO's *Urban Street Design Guide*.

The guidance, vision, and flexibility articulated in the *Urban Street Design Guide* have given Chicago, and other cities and users, a new, vital tool in planning modern streets. At a time when cities are striving to react to changing 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. Our residents and visitors place a unique burden on our streets which demands a unique approach and which, to date, has been unmet by conventional design guidelines.

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 needs and desires of our residents and visitors.

The City of Chicago Department of Transportation is excited to officially endorse the NACTO *Urban Street Design Guide* as an integral and effective tool for designing streets and public spaces.

On behalf of CDOT, thank you for your leadership on the development of this guide and on myriad other urban transportation issues.

Sincerely,

Gabe Klein
Commissioner