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Association of Pedestrian & Bicycle Professionals Endorses NACTO Urban Street Design Guide

CEDARBURG, WI – The Board of Directors of the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) has endorsed the [National Association of City Transportation Officials \(NACTO\) Urban Street Design Guide](#). “APBP believes the NACTO guide can help cities, counties and states design safer and more comfortable streets for residents, visitors and businesses,” said Kit Keller, JD, APBP’s Executive Director.

City streets necessitate a unique design approach unmet by conventional highway design guidelines. The NACTO Urban Street Design Guide charts the principles and practices of the nation’s foremost engineers, planners, and designers working in cities today. NACTO’s richly illustrated guide offers a concrete vision for improving the safety and livability of our streets for pedestrians, bicyclists, car users and transit users.

Today’s streets are expected to serve social as well as transportation needs. The guide covers streets and street design elements, interim strategies such as parklets and public plazas, intersections and intersection design elements, and design controls. The guidance, vision, and flexibility articulated in the NACTO Urban Street Design Guide signals a new and important direction for cities.

APBP urges other professional associations, states and cities to join with APBP and the five states (California, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Utah and Washington) and 34 cities that have already [endorsed](#) the NACTO Urban Street Design Guide. The endorsement campaign continues through May 31.

In 2011, APBP’s Board endorsed the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide. In the intervening years, [APBP’s popular educational programs](#) have familiarized members and the public with that NACTO guide. Last November’s [APBP’s free webinar](#) on the newly released NACTO Urban Street Design Guide has already been viewed live and on YouTube by thousands of professionals including engineers, planners and landscape architects.

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“APBP is delighted to see that many of the cities where we have held our biennial Professional Development Seminars have endorsed the NACTO Urban Street Design Guide,” Keller said, such as Boulder and Charlotte, Chicago, and Davis. Boulder is a new affiliate member of NACTO, Charlotte and Chicago are NACTO members. St. Louis, the site of APBP’s 2015 conference, has not yet endorsed the guide.

The Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals is a 501(c)(6) non-profit association that provides expertise for active, sustainable transportation. APBP is the only professional membership organization for the discipline of pedestrian and bicycle transportation. APBP members – employees of all levels of government, consulting firms and non-profits – work in the engineering, planning, landscape architecture, police, safety, health and promotion fields. APBP members specialize in making communities more walkable and bicycle-friendly. For more information, visit www.apbp.org.

The National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit association that represents large cities on transportation issues of local, regional and national significance. As a coalition of city transportation departments, NACTO is committed to raising the state of the practice for street design and transportation by building a common vision, sharing data, peer-to-peer exchange in workshops and conferences, and regular communication among member cities. Learn more at www.nacto.org.

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