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Ms. Linda Bailey, Executive Director  
National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO)  
55 Water Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10041

Dear Ms. Bailey:

On behalf of the City of Alexandria (the City), I am pleased to endorse the National Association of City Transportation Officials' (NACTO) *Urban Street Design Guide* and *Urban Bikeway Design Guide*. Together, these two *Guides* provide a vision for city streets that are designed to meet mobility and livability goals, as well as the plans and desires of the community.

These guides are consistent with the City's Complete Streets Policy, enacted in 2011, as well as the 2008 *EcoCity Charter* which establishes that the City of Alexandria will build wisely while preserving and maximizing open spaces, embracing natural beauty, improving water quality and reducing air pollution. The design strategies contained in the two guides are compatible with the City's vision for improving the safety and livability of our streets for pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, and transit users. We believe they provide valuable information which can be used to ensure that roadways in Alexandria incorporate multiple transportation options for people who live, work and play in the city.

The City is currently developing Complete Streets Design Guidelines that are tailored to our needs and provide more specificity to Alexandria streets. The guidelines could differ from NACTO's guides in some areas, but the City of Alexandria's guidelines support the goals and objectives of the NACTO guidelines.

Our Complete Streets Design Guidelines, along with the NACTO *Urban Street Design Guide* and *Urban Bikeway Design Guide* will be an integral, effective and complementary resource for furthering our commitment to sustainable transportation.

Sincerely,

Yon Lambert, AICP  
Director