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Mr. Edward D. Reiskin, President
National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO)
120 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10017

RE: Letter of Endorsement for the NACTO Urban Street Design Guide

Dear Mr. Reiskin:

On behalf of the city of Bellevue, I am pleased to endorse the National Association of City Transportation Officials' (NACTO) Urban Street Design Guide. The Urban Street Design Guide provides a vision for city streets that are designed to meet the mobility and livability goals of the city and plans and the desires of the community.

The Bellevue Transportation Department collaborates with the community and others within the City organization to promote and implement a multimodal transportation system that meets the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit, and private vehicles. We acknowledge that our growing community requires mobility options. People who live, work, learn and play in Bellevue are choosing to use all of the options that are available to get around town. In our work in Downtown and in other mixed use activity areas in the city, our focus is on creating places for people that are safe, vibrant, sustainable and livable. It is my responsibility as Transportation Director to provide the tools to help my staff plan for, design and deliver transportation infrastructure that meets the multiple functions of our streets.

In urban areas such as Bellevue, street design necessitates an approach that is sensitive to the surrounding neighborhoods and communities. At a time when we are striving to respond to and plan for multiple mobility needs within our limited right-of-way and budget, the Urban Street Design Guide supports our community's vision of providing public infrastructure that allows people and goods to move safely and efficiently, and also adds to the character and quality of the community. The Urban Street Design Guide provides another set of tools with which to design for safety and livability.

For Bellevue, the NACTO Urban Street Design Guide will be an integral and effective resource for designing our streets and public spaces.

Sincerely,

David Berg, P.E.
Director, Transportation Department