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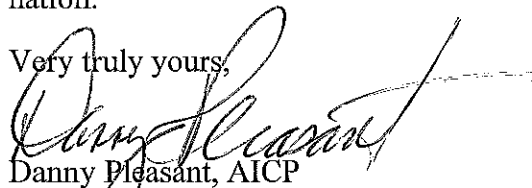
Dear Ms. Sadik-Kahn,

I am pleased to endorse the Urban Bikeway Design Guide released earlier this year by the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO). The bicycle-friendly philosophy behind the new guide is consistent with the City of Charlotte's design approach and commitment to becoming a world-class bicycling city. The guide is compatible with the City of Charlotte "complete streets" approach as seen in our Urban Street Design Guidelines, the City's Transportation Action Plan and the Charlotte Bicycle Plan. These initiatives represent Charlotte's strategy to better integrate land use with transportation options, including transit, bicycling, walking and the private automobile.

The Urban Bikeway Design Guide offers communities across America a state-of-the-practice tool for designing safer, more attractive, and sustainable streets that accommodate and encourage bicycling. The guide details the design of traditional bicycle lanes, with and without buffers, and provides extensive guidance for protected on-street bikeways. I believe the designs and projects presented in the guide have been successful in numerous other cities and we look forward to implementing more of these designs in Charlotte. These projects are fostering safer and more comfortable riding conditions which have the potential to attract unprecedented numbers of bicyclists who are diverse in age, gender, and skill level.

I believe the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide is a crucial and integral tool for practitioners to improve the safety, viability, and attractiveness of cycling in their communities. The Charlotte Department of Transportation looks forward to continuing to use the guide as we strive to make our city one of the most bicycle-friendly cities in the nation.

Very truly yours,



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