A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CITY TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS (NACTO) "URBAN STREET DESIGN GUIDE" AND "URBAN BIKEWAY DESIGN GUIDE" AS THE OFFICIAL DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND OTHER CITY FUNDED STREET AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WITHIN THE CITY OF EL PASO.

WHEREAS, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) bicycle and pedestrian design guides are the primary national resources for planning, designing, and operating bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and

WHEREAS, the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) builds upon the flexibilities provided in the AASHTO guides, which can help communities plan and design safe and convenient facilities for pedestrian and bicyclists, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recognizes that many of the treatments in the NACTO Urban Bikeway Guide are compatible with the AASHTO Bike Guide and demonstrate new and innovative solutions for the varied urban settings across the country, and

WHEREAS, NACTO “Urban Street Design Guide” and “Urban Bikeway Design Guide” were developed as resources to design safe and economically vibrant streets and bicycle facilities in cities across the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the NACTO “Urban Street Design Guide” and “Urban Bikeway Design Guide” utilize best practices in designing urban streets that are safe, livable and contribute to the built environment; and,

WHEREAS, the FHWA supports the use of NACTO “Urban Bikeway Design Guide” as a resource to further develop non-motorized transportation networks, particularly in urban areas; and,

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso is committed to creating a well-connected street network that accommodates all modes of transportation, including walking, bicycling, driving and mass transit; and,

WHEREAS, creating well-designed streets that encourage walking and bicycling is an effective means to promote healthy activities for all ages and abilities; and,

WHEREAS, well-designed streets enhance neighborhoods and contribute to the built environment; and,

WHEREAS, the City’s comprehensive plan, Plan El Paso, recommends enhancing walkability, pedestrian safety, bicycle facilities and traffic calming as a means of improving the quality of life for El Paso residents and visitors; and,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City of El Paso adopts the NACTO "Urban Street Design Guide" and "Urban Bikeway Design Guide" as the official design guidelines for the Capital Improvement Projects and other City funded street and roadway improvement projects within the City of El Paso.

ADOPTED this 20th day of May, 2014.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

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