



November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Attn: David Vega-Barachowitz, Director of Designing Cities Initiative  
55 Water Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10041

Dear David,

**Letter of Endorsement for the NACTO Urban Street Design Guide**

The National Association of City Transportation Officials' Urban Street Design Guide represents a vision for world-class city street design that meets the goals of our city leaders and the desires of our communities. As transportation leaders, we find ourselves today in the midst of unprecedented change, as the demands placed upon our streets and the desires of our citizens have set in motion a new paradigm for and perception of the street itself. Pressures from public health to climate change to mobile technology are together reshaping and redefining our profession, while at the same time opening opportunities for innovation that were inconceivable only a decade ago.

At a time when we are striving to react to these trends, the Urban Street Design Guide offers a concrete vision for improving the safety and livability of our streets for pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, and transit users. City streets demand a unique approach unmet by conventional design guidelines. The guidance, vision, and flexibility articulated in the Urban Street Design Guide instigate a new and important direction for cities. We see the Guide as an indispensable tool in planning modern city streets, especially as we work toward a common vision with our partners at all levels of government.

The NACTO Urban Street Design Guide is an integral and effective tool for designing streets and public spaces.

As an affiliate member of NACTO, Indianapolis supports the goals and concepts laid out in the Urban Street Design Guide. We endorse the guide and look forward to it guiding our future projects alongside the NACTO Urban Bikeways Design Guide.

Sincerely,

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