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Mr. Edward Reiskin, President
National Association of City Transportation Officials
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041

Dear Mr. Reiskin:

We commend the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) with the publication of its new **Urban Street Design Guide**. Our agencies collectively agree it presents a vision for world-class urban city street design that will help us to meet the desires of our communities. As transportation leaders, we find ourselves today in the midst of unprecedented change, as the demands placed upon our urban streets and the desires of our citizens have set in motion a new paradigm for and perception of the street itself. Balancing interests from our transportation customers while addressing public health to climate change to mobile technology are together reshaping and redefining our urban areas. We seek opportunities for new ideas and innovation that lead us forward.

The **Urban Street Design Guide** offers well-articulated and visual approaches for improving the safety and livability of our streets for pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, and transit users. Urban city streets demand a unique approach unmet by most conventional design guidelines. The guidance, vision, and flexibility articulated in the **Urban Street Design Guide** help us with both interim short term as well as long term design direction for our urban streets. We see the **Guide** as an important reference in planning modern urban city streets that not only complements our own design guidance, but is a companion with other international, national and local resources we use. We pride ourselves on our working relationships but we continue to challenge each other as we seek and work toward a common visions with our partners at all levels of government.

The City of Minneapolis, as a NACTO member, along with its key partners at the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Hennepin County and the City of Saint Paul supports the NACTO **Urban Street Design Guide** as an excellent reference when designing urban streets and public spaces.

Sincerely,

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