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

RE: Urban Street Design Guide

Dear Mr. Reiskin:

As transportation leaders, we find ourselves in the midst of significant change as ever increasing demands are placed upon our city street networks. The continued evolution of these networks sometimes requires a unique approach not completely met by conventional design guidelines. The guiding principles described in the National Association of City Transportation Officials’ (NACTO) Urban Street Design Guide represent a progressive and unique vision for evolving street design that offers opportunities to meet many of these demands along with many goals of the community.

The Metropolitan Nashville Department of Public Works respects the principles outlined in this Guide and supports its use as a tool to supplement other national, state, and local guides currently used by the Department. Adding this document to our compendium of resources provides a balance useful for designing & constructing a safe & efficient transportation system that meets the needs of all users and travel modes. Collectively, these resources will serve as important tools for the continued implementation of Nashville’s Complete Streets initiative.

The NACTO Urban Street Design Guide can be one of these tools to aid in the future redesign of Nashville’s streets and public spaces.

Sincerely Yours,
The Department of Public Works

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