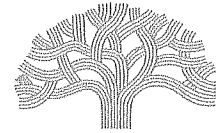


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Janette Sadik-Khan
National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO)
55 Water Street, Floor 9
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RE: Letter of Endorsement for the NACTO Urban Street Design Guide

Dear Ms. Sadik-Khan:

On behalf of the City of Oakland, I am writing to express support for the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) *Urban Street Design Guide*, and endorse the Guide's use in the design of Oakland streets.

The Guide represents a vision for world-class city street design that matches Oakland's leadership goals and community desires. Urban transportation is in the midst of unprecedented change as the demands placed upon our streets and the needs of our citizens require an increasingly multimodal transportation network. Pressures, from public health to climate change to mobile technology, are redefining urban streets and opening opportunities for innovation.

The *Urban Street Design Guide* offers concrete guidance to meet these challenges and improve the safety and livability of our streets for pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, and transit users. City streets demand a unique approach that are often not adequately addressed by conventional design guidelines. In Oakland, we value NACTO's role in developing targeted national guidance that allows local agencies to design and implement more successful projects. The *Urban Street Design Guide* provides a new and important direction for cities, and will be an indispensable tool in planning and designing Oakland's streets.

As such, the City of Oakland officially adopts the NACTO *Urban Street Design Guide* as an integral and effective tool for designing streets and public spaces.

Sincerely,

Brooke A. Levin
Interim Director, Public Works Agency

cc: Michael J. Neary, Assistant Director, Department of Engineering and Construction