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Re: the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide

To Whom it May Concern:

I am pleased to write in support of the National Association of City Transportation (NACTO) Urban Bikeway Design Guide. One of my priorities is to make Omaha a safer community for all modes of transportation. The NACTO guide offers communities across our nation a best-practice tool for designing safer, more attractive, and sustainable streets that accommodate and encourage bicycling. The guide details the design of traditional bike lanes and provides extensive guidance for protected on-street bikeways. These designs have demonstrated success in pilot cities, fostering safer and more comfortable riding conditions that attract bicyclists from all parts of the age, gender, and skill-level spectrum.

The NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide is a crucial and integral tool for practitioners to improve the safety, viability, and attractiveness of cycling in America's communities. Written by an experienced team of national and international experts and guided by the transportation, streets, and public works departments of fifteen of the largest cities in the United States, the guide draws on a range of U.S. and international bikeway design standards and best practices. In addition to plan drawings and visualizations, the guide provides cities the design specifications and engineering logic to support these concepts. The guide will be updated based on current data and designs across the country, making it a flexible document that can be tailored to each city's unique needs.

Again, I fully support and endorse the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide for use in projects that accommodate all bicyclists on our nation's streets.

Kind regards,

Jim Suttle, Mayor City of Omaha