RESOLUTION No. 36913

Adopt the National Association for City Transportation Officials Urban Bikeway Design Guide as an official City of Portland bikeway design guide (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the City of Portland is one of first 12 member cities of the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO), a national organization that exists to encourage the exchange of transportation ideas, insights and practices among large central cities; and

WHEREAS, Portland Mayor Sam Adams spearheaded the effort to create “Cities for Cycling,” a project of NACTO to catalog, promote and implement the world’s best bicycle transportation practices in American municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the seminal task for Cities for Cycling, and the reason it was created, was the development of a modern urban bikeway design guide; and

WHEREAS, professional transportation staff within the Portland Bureau of Transportation were among the principal staff working on the Urban Bikeway Design Guide; and

WHEREAS, Portland transportation staff have long recognized the inadequacy of standard bikeway designs in addressing the safety and comfort concerns of the average citizen; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2010 City Council adopted by Resolution (#36763) the Portland Bicycle Plan for 2030; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Bicycle Plan for 2030 sets a new bicycle transportation policy goal of creating conditions in Portland that make bicycling more attractive than driving for trips of three miles or less; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Bicycle Plan for 2030 recognizes that to achieve its policy goals it must develop an attractive bikeway network that offers residents both safety and comfort when cycling; and

WHEREAS, Portland is continuing to rely on a bikeway design guideline last updated in 1996; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Bicycle Plan for 2030 identified that updating the 1996 bikeway designs is a necessary and key action to be taken and calls for the city to develop design guidelines for new bicycle facilities that will attract riders of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide reflects the work of the United State’s best practitioners in urban bikeway design in adapting to an American context bikeway designs from those cities around the world that have demonstrated the most successful bikeway designs; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) adopted and
published both on-line and print versions of the Urban Bikeway Design Guide; and

WHEREAS, Portland Mayor Sam Adams and Director of the Bureau of Transportation Tom Miller have endorsed the guide in the form of a letter to the Executive Director of NACTO;

WHEREAS, NACTO will regularly update the bikeway design guideline as part of the on-going Cities for Cycling project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland Transportation System Plan, Policy 11.10 Street Design and Right-of-Way Improvements, identifies resources for designing street projects and the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide would qualify as such a resource;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Portland adopts the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide print version 1.1 as an official design guideline to be used by city officials when designing and implementing bikeways within the city of Portland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that city staff will use this version of the bikeway design guide when conferring with regional colleagues about the designs of bikeways on facilities throughout the region where the City of Portland is not the road authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council directs the Bureau of Transportation to prepare Transportation System Plan amendments to include the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide as a resource for designing street projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any updates to the Urban Bikeway Design Guide officially adopted by NACTO shall be accepted for use by the City.

Adopted by the Council: MAR 14 2012

Mayor Sam Adams
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AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND
By
Deputy
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