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Janette Sadik-Khan
NACTO President
NYC DOT Commissioner
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041

Dear Ms. Sadik-Khan,

Salt Lake City is excited and inspired by the work compiled by the National Association of City Transportation Officials in the new *Urban Streets Design Guide*. The guide represents a vision for world-class city street design that meets the goals of our city leaders and the desires of our communities. Salt Lake City endorses this publication as key among the guiding documents we will consult as we make changes to our urban streets and public rights-of-way to improve their multi-modal function, livability, and safety.

As city officials, urban planners, and transportation leaders, we find ourselves today in the midst of unprecedented change, as the demands placed upon our streets and the desires of our citizens have set in motion a new paradigm for and perception of the street itself. Pressures from public health to climate change to mobile technology are together reshaping and redefining our profession, while at the same time opening opportunities for innovation that were inconceivable only a decade ago.

At a time when cities are striving to react to these trends, the *Urban Street Design Guide* offers a concrete vision for improving the safety and livability of our streets for pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, and transit users. City streets demand a unique approach unmet by conventional design guidelines. Salt Lake City recognizes the *Guide* as an indispensable tool in planning a new direction for modern city streets, as we work toward a common vision with our partners at all levels of government.

Salt Lake City officially endorses the NACTO *Urban Street Design Guide* as an integral and effective tool for designing streets and public spaces.

Sincerely,

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