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September 21, 2011

Ms. Janette Sadik-Kahn, President
National Association of City Transportation Officials
55 Water St. 9th Floor
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RE: Letter of Endorsement for the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide

Dear Commissioner Sadik-Khan,

The National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Urban Bikeway Design Guide offers communities across America a state-of-the-practice tool for designing safer, more attractive, and sustainable streets that accommodate and encourage bicycling. The guide presents design options that have demonstrated success in the cities that have been piloting them and may be applicable in other communities across the United States. They are fostering safer and more comfortable riding conditions which can attract bicyclists that are diverse in age, gender, and skill level.

The NACTO guide was 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 drew on a range of U.S. and international bikeway design standards and practices, and assured that all of the designs were tailored to the codes and conditions of the American streetscape. In addition to plan drawings and visualizations, the guide provides U.S. cities with the design specifications and engineering logic to support these design concepts. Based on the most up-to-date data and designs across the country, the NACTO guide is a unique, flexible document that will be frequently updated to reflect the state of the practice.

The NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide is an excellent tool for practitioners in urban areas to improve the safety, viability, and attractiveness of cycling in our communities. It has been a great resource for my staff, and the city's engineering staff, as we have endeavored to keep St. Petersburg a Bicycle Friendly Community that is safer and more accommodating for our cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists.

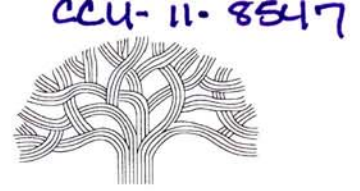
I am happy to endorse the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide for use in applicable projects that accommodate bicyclists in the United States.

Sincerely,

Joe Kubicki, Director
City of St. Petersburg
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August 19, 2011

Janette Sadik-Khan, President
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Re: Letter of Endorsement for the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide

Dear Ms. Sadik-Khan,

On behalf of the City of Oakland, I am writing in support the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide as per the letter of endorsement included below. This guide is a valuable resource for American cities working to retrofit urban transportation infrastructure to support and promote bicycling as viable transportation. In Oakland, we appreciate the leadership role that NACTO is playing to promote innovation and information-sharing. Oakland has ambitious goals – but limited resources – for building bicycle infrastructure. Developing resources at the national level helps us make efficient use of limited resources and implement quality projects at the local level. We need to expand the toolbox of design treatments to successfully support bicycling. The NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide is an important contribution to meeting this need.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Neary, P.E.
Assistant Director
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Letter of Endorsement for the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide

Background

The *National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Urban Bikeway Design Guide (Guide)* offers communities across America a state-of-the-practice tool for designing safer, more attractive, and sustainable streets that accommodate and encourage bicycling. The guide details the design of traditional bicycle lanes, with and without buffers, and provides extensive guidance for protected on-street bikeways. The designs presented in the guide have demonstrated success in the cities that have been piloting them. They are fostering safer and more comfortable riding conditions which attract unprecedented numbers of bicyclists diverse in age, gender, and skill level. Perhaps most importantly, the designs are proving effective in reducing car-bicycle conflicts and crashes, lowering both crash-related injury and death rates.

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The NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide is a crucial and integral tool for practitioners to improve the safety, viability, and attractiveness of cycling in our communities.

The City of Cheyenne and the Cheyenne MPO are currently partnering on the *Cheyenne Metropolitan Area On-Street Bicycle Plan and Greenway Plan Update*. The plan is scheduled for completion and adoption in late 2011. In recognition of the above, the City of Cheyenne expects to use the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide as a guiding document in designing bicycling projects in the City. Where costs, space and other constraints allow, Staff will use this guide, along with other City design guidelines and engineering standards in the design of future projects.

Endorsement

In recognition of the above, we the undersigned endorse the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide for use in projects that accommodate all bicyclists on streets in the United States.

Cheyenne Metropolitan Planning Organization

By: Tom Mason

Tom Mason, Director

Date: August 23, 2011

City of Cheyenne, Wyoming

By: Richard L. Kaysen

Richard L. Kaysen, Mayor

Date: 8/23/11



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August 16, 2011

Janette Sadik-Khan, President
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New York, NY 10041

Dear Ms. Sadik-Kahn,

On behalf of Mayor Thomas M. Menino and the City of Boston, I would like to formally endorse the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Urban Bikeway Guide.

As Boston began developing a city-wide bikeway network, we realized we needed to expand our playbook. The NACTO Urban Bikeway Guide has been of great value to our engineers as we seek creative design solutions to make our streets more bicycle-friendly. The Guide has helped as we have begun to attract a new generation of bicyclists with protected lanes and cycle tracks. We are also proud to have some of our own innovative designs featured in the Guide (left side bike lanes on Commonwealth Avenue).

As a NACTO Member City, we look forward to working with you in the future to continue to advocate for the development of sensible transportation solutions for Boston as well as for other cities throughout the country.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Tinlin
Commissioner

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Thomas J. Tinlin, Commissioner

