



City of Tacoma
Public Works Department

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National Association of City Transportation Officials
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041

Subject: Letter of Endorsement for the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide

To Whom It May Concern:

The National Association of City Transportation Officials' Urban Street Design Guide represents a vision for world-class city street design that meets the goals of the City of Tacoma and the community's desire to have livable streets. As transportation leaders, we find ourselves today in the midst of change unprecedented since the development of the nation's interstate transportation system. The demands placed upon Tacoma's streets and the desires of our City Council and residents have set in motion a new paradigm for and perception of the street itself. Interests 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 we 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. The guidance, vision, and flexibility articulated in the Urban Street Design Guide instigates new and important direction for cities. We see the Guide as an indispensable tool in planning modern city streets, especially as we work toward a common vision with our partners at all levels of government.

The NACTO Urban Street Design Guide is an integral and effective tool for designing streets and public spaces; the City of Tacoma endorses the Guide.

Sincerely,

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