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Edward D. Reiskin
President, NACTO
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Dear Mr. Reiskin:

As transportation leaders, we find ourselves today in the midst of unprecedented change, as the demands placed upon the city street network and the desires of our citizens have set in motion a new paradigm for and perception of the street itself. Economic changes and uncertainties, shifting demographic patterns, and other societal trends are together reshaping and redefining our profession, and we must turn these trends into strengths by investing in innovative multimodal transportation strategies that offer more choices and connections to our customers.

At a time when we are striving to react to these trends, the *Urban Street Design Guide* offers a well-articulated visual approach for improving the safety and livability of urban streets for motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users. Low speed urban streets demand a unique approach often unmet by conventional highway or high speed design guidelines. The guidance, vision, and flexibility articulated in the *Urban Street Design Guide* provide a new and important direction for cities. We see the Guide as an important reference in planning modern city streets, especially as we work toward a common vision with our partners at all levels of government to design transportation projects that meet the user needs of a community.

The Tennessee Department of Transportation supports the NACTO *Urban Street Design Guide* as a useful tool for selecting multimodal design solutions for low speed urban streets and public spaces.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Schroer", is written over a horizontal line.

John C. Schroer
Commissioner

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