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Mr. Ed Reiskin, President
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Dear Mr. Reiskin;

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) would like to be the first State DOT to officially endorse the National Association of City Transportation Officials' (NACTO) *Urban Street Design Guide*, and are working toward adopting this guide into our policies and procedures. It provides a vision for a new generation of city street design that is consistent with the vision and mission I am developing for the Department. It will also continue to support WSDOT's strategic planning and practical design emphasis and move us toward Governor Inslee's visionary state goals; Results Washington.

We believe that the low-cost innovations, interim solutions, and improvements outlined in the *Guide* can bring many significant benefits to communities across Washington in a short period of time. This is true in even challenging locations where sections of state highway run through cities and must serve as both thoroughfares and local access, maintaining traffic flow and ensuring community livability and safety.

This *Guide* will be available as a resource for communities to help make their own streets and roads safer and more inviting for people walking, shopping, parking, and driving. We recognize and continue to promote the integral connection between economic development and the transformation of our streets and roads by making more space for people. Great streets do support city businesses and most importantly the safety of our citizens, including the young, the aging, and the mobility challenged.

WSDOT will continue to be a leader in planning and developing modern city streets and working toward a common vision with our partners at all levels of government using the NACTO Urban Street Design Guide to help us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lynn Peterson".

Lynn Peterson
Secretary of Transportation

cc: David Vega-Barachowitz, NACTO