



September 14, 2016

Mr. Matthew J. Roe  
Director, Designing Cities Initiative  
National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO)  
120 Park Avenue, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10017

RE: Transit Street Design Guide

Dear Mr. Roe:

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) enthusiastically endorses NACTO's *Transit Street Design Guide*. The *Guide* is an integral and effective tool for designing modern streets for the future of our cities.

NACTO's *Transit Street Design Guide* represents a vision for world-class transit streets—providing a framework for cities to grow without slowing down. Today, transit is returning to its central place in the life of cities. In Santa Clara County, hundreds of thousands of people use the buses and trains every day and our street design paradigm is shifting to give transit the space it deserves. With innovative planning, our streets can not only move incredible numbers of people, but also serve as great places to be.

Santa Clara County is home to Silicon Valley and to the City of San Jose, the tenth largest city in the United States. As the transit provider for the county, VTA encourages cities to build well-designed streets that support transit customers on their entire journey, including the walk to and from the bus or train. The guidance, vision, and techniques shown in the *Transit Street Design Guide* allow our planners, engineers, and community members to speak the same language and work toward a common goal: toward safe, efficient, and desirable city streets in all of our neighborhoods.

Thank you for leading the charge in developing visionary, necessary design guidelines for transit, walking, and bicycling.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nuria I. Fernandez', is written over the printed name.

Nuria I. Fernandez  
General Manager/CEO