

NACTO Membership

About NACTO

The mission of the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) is to build cities as places for people, with safe, sustainable, accessible, and equitable transportation choices that support a strong economy and vibrant quality of life. NACTO does this by:

Communicating a bold

vision for 21st century urban mobility and building strong leadership capacity among city transportation officials.

Empowering a coalition of cities

to lead the way on transportation policy at the local, state, and national levels.

Raising the state of the practice

for street design that prioritizes people walking, biking, and taking transit.

NACTO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit association. Since its founding in 1996, NACTO has provided a forum for the exchange of ideas and best transportation practices among North American cities and has helped ensure that cities are leading the way with forward-thinking transportation policy. NACTO is committed to empowering cities to realize their goals for stronger, safer, fairer transportation and communities, and looks forward to working with others who share this commitment. Your NACTO membership is an investment in these ideals.

Our Values

We lead with imagination.

We embrace bold, creative thinking in pursuit of transformative change.

We keep equity at our foundation.

Our work aims to correct structural injustices in planning and policy, reimagining streets as equitable places.

We foster community.

Collaboration is key, and we cultivate connections that honor the diversity and inclusivity of our members.

We make an impact.

Our approach is evidence-driven and data-informed. We challenge assumptions, rigorously evaluate practices, and continually iterate to maximize our impact.



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NACTO Moves the Needle

NACTO members participate in the development of design and policy guidance and resources. They contribute to publications and help drive and develop our federal policy program. Together, we continue to collaborate and effect change to meet the evolving needs of our members and address new challenges.

REIMAGINING OUR STREETS + ADVANCING TRANSPORTATION POLICY

NACTO elevates the urban transportation landscape by combining the real-world experience of member cities with cutting-edge research and advocacy. We provide practical, multimodal design guidance—on curb management, safe speeds, inclusive vehicle design, and emerging technologies like curbside data and autonomous mobility—while also advancing transportation policy that prioritizes people-centered streets. Through direct engagement with federal agencies, coalitions, and policymakers, we ensure that city perspectives are reflected in national programs and funding priorities. Recognized by hundreds of local governments, multiple states, and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), NACTO's work is helping shape the future of safer, more equitable, and community-focused transportation systems.

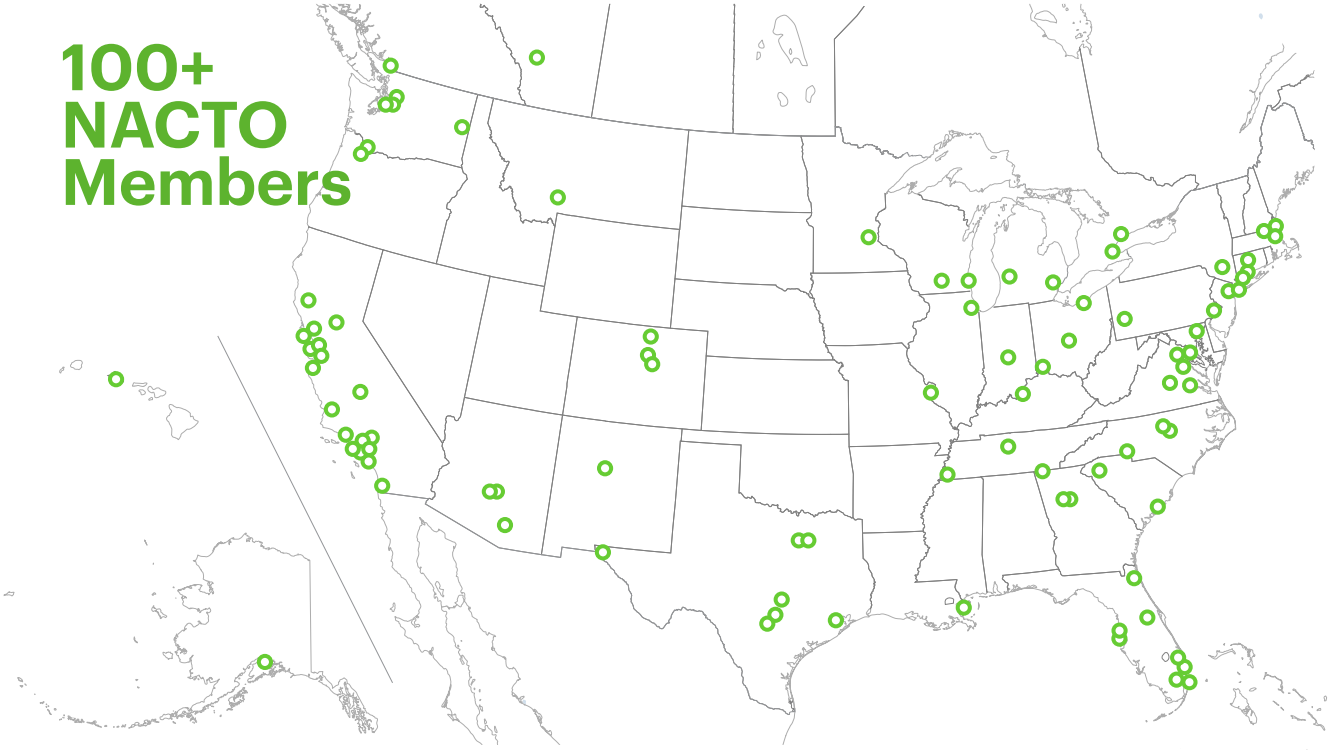
SUPPORTING SUCCESSFUL AGENCIES

NACTO helps city transportation departments and transit agencies build internal capacity, align leadership and staff around shared goals, and create the conditions needed for long-term success. Through technical assistance, leadership development, and peer learning, the program equips agencies to better serve their communities, navigate complex challenges, and deliver projects that reflect public values. NACTO's work emphasizes agency culture, strategy, and collaboration as critical foundations for impactful, people-centered transportation.

FOSTERING PRACTITIONER COLLABORATION

NACTO connects city transportation professionals through events, working groups, and peer-led initiatives that promote shared learning and innovation. From the annual Designing Cities Conference to the Transportation Justice Fellowship, NACTO builds trust and shared expertise across agencies, helping practitioners shape more equitable, effective, and forward-thinking transportation systems.

100+
NACTO
Members



Membership

When you join NACTO, you are joining a network of forward-thinking cities, transit agencies, and transportation professionals committed to advancing safe, sustainable, and equitable street design and urban mobility. Staff at NACTO's member agencies champion actionable, people-first transportation. The core of NACTO's mission is to build a strong network of peers and foster open communication and collaboration between cities. When your agency joins NACTO, you will receive valuable technical assistance, peer-to-peer learning opportunities, and forums for sharing best practices. Through our annual Designing Cities Conference, on-the-ground roundtables and workshops, virtual programming like webinars, network calls, and digital design and policy charrettes, and more, your agency will have opportunities to showcase new projects, receive feedback from peers, explore common challenges, and learn from shared experiences.

NACTO has 4 membership types:

FULL MEMBERSHIP

Open to cities in the U.S. with a population of at least 400,000 within a metro area with a population that has at least two million

U.S. CITY AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

Open to cities of any size in the U.S. that do not qualify for full membership

CANADIAN CITY AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

Open to cities with a population of 300,000 or more in Canada

TRANSIT AGENCY AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

Open to transit agencies that operate in a city that is already a NACTO member



Member Benefits

In addition to the publications we make available for free on our website, NACTO members also gain access to many members-only resources that we provide throughout the year.

WE CONVENE

NACTO brings together practitioners from our member agencies to advance the state of the practice. Our members:

- ✓ Shape the program at our annual **Designing Cities Conference**:
 - Showcase a project or program at Meet the Cities.
 - Apply to join the **member program committee** to plan a session and attend the conference for free.
 - Receive **one complimentary registration** per year, deeply discounted tickets, and **early bird access** to WalkShops.
- ✓ Join **members-only roundtables** and **workshops**.
- ✓ Gain access to **100+ members-only virtual events per year**.
- ✓ Earn **continuing education credits** at many of these convenings.

WE COLLABORATE

NACTO enables peer-to-peer connections that build professional skills and cross-pollinate ideas. Our members:

- ✓ Engage with colleagues through NACTO's **members-only community forum**—your digital hub for discussion and crowdsourcing answers to your most pressing challenges.
- ✓ Join or lead **peer networks** organized around topics like shared micromobility, street design, and transit.
- ✓ Contribute to **working groups** that produce cutting-edge guidance and tools.
- ✓ Participate in **quarterly leadership convenings** for executive-level networking and strategy.
- ✓ Access a **member resource library** of peer city documents, policies, and recorded trainings.
- ✓ Take part in **small-group discussions** for candid exchange and problem-solving.

WE CURATE

NACTO turns our members' experience, experiments, and expertise into resources for cities. Our members:

- ✓ **Shape design guidance**—contributing to new editions of NACTO's Design Guides and Practitioner Papers.
- ✓ Participate in NACTO's **policy committee** to help craft our stance on national transportation issues.
- ✓ Join the **national standards committee** to influence U.S. design standards.

WE COMMUNICATE

NACTO elevates the city voice in national conversations about transportation policy and practice. Our members:

- ✓ Influence the media narrative about transportation solutions.
- ✓ **Share local successes** through events and case studies featured in NACTO publications.
- ✓ Help **shape federal regulations and policy priorities** through NACTO's coordinated city advocacy.
- ✓ Provide input that **shapes NACTO's programing** and strategic direction.



How to Join NACTO

Joining NACTO is a simple, collaborative process—and a unique opportunity to connect with a cohort of peer cities even before membership begins. Throughout the process, you'll meet other transportation leaders, share your city's work, and get a firsthand look at how NACTO's network functions.

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Membership is open to city transportation departments and transit agencies that:

- Are responsible for local transportation planning, design, and/or operations.
- Are committed to advancing safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation.
- Are ready to contribute to and learn from a network of peers.

WHAT WE ASK OF MEMBERS

Membership is open to city transportation departments and transit agencies that:

- Share key contacts and respond to occasional NACTO requests.
- Participate in discussions, share successes, and contribute knowledge to the network.
- Pay annual dues on time to help sustain NACTO's member-driven initiatives.

The Process

NACTO reviews applications for membership twice a year, in winter and summer. The process takes about two months from application deadline to approval and onboarding. Summer applicants that join mid-year pay prorated half-year dues.

- **Apply:** Complete an online application, open for ~6 weeks, twice per year.
- **Initial Review:** NACTO will contact you about two weeks following the application deadline if your application is moving forward or if more information is needed.
- **Present to Peers:** If your application advances, you'll be invited to give a short virtual presentation about your city's goals and recent projects alongside other prospective members.
- **Board Review:** NACTO staff summarize all applications and presentations, then make a recommendation to the NACTO Board which votes on new members.
- **Decision + Onboarding:** If approved, you'll be invited to a new member onboarding webinar and gain immediate access to member benefits, including the NACTO online community.

2026 Dues

MEMBER TYPE (Based on population)

2026 DUES

Full Member U.S. City > 400,000, & Metro Area > 2 million	\$35,000
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U.S. City Affiliate Membership

Affiliate (Large) City over 300,000	\$17,000
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Affiliate (Medium) City 150,000 – 300,000	\$12,500
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Affiliate (Small) City 50,000 – 150,000	\$10,500
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Small City Peers Cities < 50,000	\$7,000
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Canadian City Affiliate Membership

International (Large) City >900,000, and Metro Area >2 million	\$28,000
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International (Medium) City 300,000 – 900,000	\$13,500
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Transit Affiliate Membership

Transit (Large) City over 300,000	\$17,000
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Transit (Medium) City 150,000 – 300,000	\$10,500
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NACTO member dues support program delivery - funding the development of cutting-edge street design guides, peer learning programs, technical assistance, and advocacy efforts that help cities build safer, more sustainable, and more equitable transportation systems.

Member agencies are invoiced annually at the beginning of the year.

If you're interested in membership, please reach out to membership@nacto.org



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