



National Association of
City Transportation Officials

NACTO Membership Guide



2015

ABOUT NACTO

The National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit association that represents large cities on transportation issues of local, regional and national significance. NACTO views the transportation departments of major cities as effective and necessary partners in regional and national transportation efforts, promoting their interests in federal decision-making. We facilitate the exchange of transportation ideas, insights and best practices among large cities, while fostering a cooperative approach to key issues facing cities and metropolitan areas. As a coalition of city transportation departments, NACTO is committed to raising the state of the practice for street design and transportation by building a common vision, sharing data, peer-to-peer exchange in workshops and conferences, and regular communication among Member cities. We believe that by working together, cities can save time and money, while more effectively achieving their policy goals and objectives.

NACTO MEMBERSHIP ALLOWS CITIES TO BENEFIT FROM DIRECT PEER-TO-PEER EXCHANGE WITH CITY TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS, WHILE CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW URBAN DESIGN STANDARDS TAILORED SPECIFICALLY TO COMMUNITIES LIKE YOUR OWN.

Since its founding in 1996, NACTO has provided a much-needed forum for the exchange of ideas and best transportation practices among large US cities and helped ensure that cities have a strong voice in federal transportation policy. Your Membership in NACTO is an investment in these ideals.



Public Plaza in Philadelphia
Credit: University City District

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Benefits include:

- » Improved communications and dialogues between city staff working on a variety of transportation issues
- » A forum to learn best street design and transportation practices from around the US and for peer-to-peer exchange of innovative policies and ideas
- » Membership on review committees, including those for the Urban Bikeway and Urban Street Design Guides
- » Some travel support for NACTO events and other project-related travel
- » Regular updates on NACTO projects and events
- » NACTO staff leadership at Design Guide-based trainings
- » Participation in NACTO's standing policy committee on national transportation issues, which reviews NACTO's federal transportation strategy and meets annually with the Secretary of Transportation in Washington, DC. (Open to full Members only)

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Full Membership

- » \$10,000 for all jurisdictions

Affiliate Membership

- » Jurisdictions over 300,000 residents: \$6,000
- » Jurisdictions below 300,000 residents: \$4,000

International Membership (Canada & Mexico)

- » Full Membership: \$10,000
- » Affiliate Membership: \$6,000

LEADERSHIP

Executive Board

NACTO's Executive Board is made up of four elected full Member representatives, one Affiliate Member representative, and the Chair of the Strategic Advisory Board.

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Salt Lake City, UT
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Ventura, CA

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

Montreal
Toronto
Vancouver

DESIGNING CITIES

NACTO's Designing Cities initiative launched in 2012 with the goal of drastically advancing and transforming street design and transportation engineering practices in the United States.

Conference

All NACTO Members are invited to participate in NACTO's Designing Cities Conference. The annual conference, hosted each fall by a NACTO Member city, highlights the progress that cities are making to create world-class streets and gives transportation officials an interdisciplinary forum to discuss the latest trends in the field.

The fourth annual Designing Cities Conference will be held in Austin in Fall 2015. Designing Cities 2014, in San Francisco, was attended by over 400 professionals from 90 cities.

Preference for travel scholarships to all conferences is given to NACTO Members and Affiliates.

Trainings

NACTO provides urban street design training workshops for city staff and area practitioners, hosted by Member cities. These trainings include detailed modules based on the Urban Street Design Guide, as well as hands-on design exercises, presented by NACTO staff and certified trainers. For more information on costs, logistics, and availability, see the NACTO Design Guides Training Program handbook.

Digital Design Charettes

Charettes focus on specific projects that are in design, using NACTO's peer-to-peer network to evaluate and critique a proposed project. This exercise typically focuses on topics that are highlighted in the Urban Street Design Guide, such as major street reconfigurations, transit projects, protected bikeway design, and other timely topics.



Design Guides

The NACTO Transit Street Design Guide, showcasing how to improve transit using innovative street design, will be developed in 2015. All member cities have a representative on the Transit Street Design Guide Steering Committee, which convenes to develop the Guide through NACTO's peer-to-peer process.

All members are represented on the Urban Street Design Guide Steering Committee, which meets to discuss design topics related to the Guide, to field opportunities to present and disseminate the Guide nationally, and to review potential revisions and updates.

GLOBAL DESIGNING CITIES

NACTO is committed to raising the state of the practice for street design and transportation around the world by building a common vision, sharing data, encouraging peer-to-peer exchanges and regular communication among international cities.

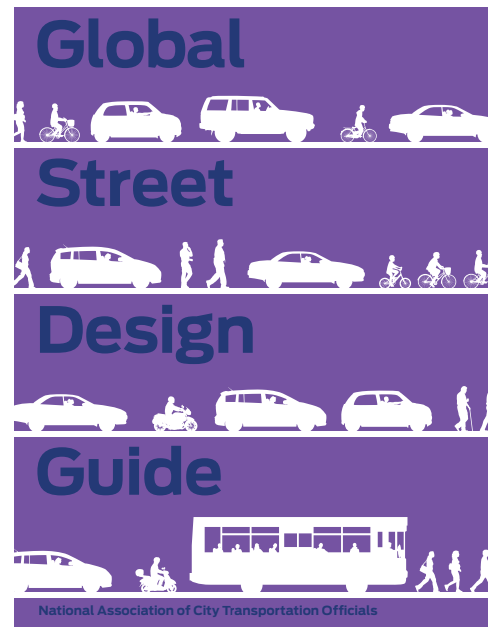
Global Designing Cities Initiative

The Global Designing Cities (GDC) Initiative is a new subsidiary of NACTO that focuses on the critical role of streets within urban environments in cities around the world. The initiative facilitates the exchange of transportation ideas, insights and best practices among large international cities, while committing to working with a variety of stakeholders to help them shape streets in a manner that promotes public health and safety, economic development, environmental sustainability, and social and cultural value.

Global Street Design Guide

In partnership with NACTO, the Global Designing Cities Initiative will assemble a Global Street Design Guide for cities around the world. This will be based on a series of principles that are ground-tested with participating cities and experts, with accompanying technical detail that outlines strategies for building high-quality public streets in various contexts for cities around the globe.

As the global network grows, NACTO members will have increasing access to examples of international best practices and case studies that can assist in informing strategies and further innovation in US Cities.



CITIES FOR CYCLING

NACTO's Cities for Cycling project launched in 2009 to advance the state-of-the-practice in bikeway design in the United States.

Road Shows

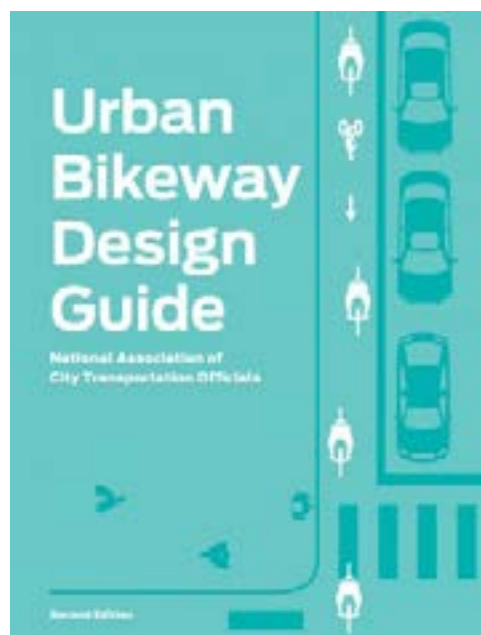
Road Shows accelerate a bike program's development by bringing experts from leading bicycling cities around the US to peer cities that are just getting their programs off the ground. Road Shows link these experts with key elected officials and stakeholders, and train engineers and designers on key bikeway design topics.

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Charettes focus on specific projects that are in design, using NACTO's peer-to-peer network to evaluate and critique a proposed project. They typically focus on select topics that are highlighted in the Urban Bikeway Design Guide, such as two-way cycle tracks, bicycle boulevards, and intersection treatments.

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As with the Urban Street Design Guide, NACTO provides urban bikeway design training workshops for city staff and area practitioners, hosted by Member cities. These trainings include detailed modules based on the Urban Bikeway Design Guide, as well as hands-on design exercises, presented by NACTO staff and certified trainers. For more information on costs, logistics, and availability, see the NACTO Design Guides Training Program handbook.



Urban Bikeway Design Guide

NACTO's Urban Bikeway Design Guide, first released in March 2011 and updated in 2012, has revolutionized the way that cities think about designing streets that are safe for bicyclists of all ages.

All Members and Affiliates appoint a representative to the Cities for Cycling Review Committee, which reviews the guide and meets regularly to discuss ongoing developments in bikeway design and planning.

BIKE SHARE

Bike Sharing has quickly emerged as a cost-effective and sustainable strategy to bolster public transit usage and get more people biking in cities and towns across the United States. The NACTO Bike Share initiative aims to strengthen bike sharing programs, with a focus on improving social equity impact and reaching under-represented groups. The Bike Share initiative provides bike share program managers and cities with best-practices research as well as a forum to exchange knowledge.



Bike Share Steering Committee

All Members are eligible to participate in the NACTO Bike Share Steering Committee, which meets regularly to discuss best practices in bike share programs.

Events

To facilitate conversations between peer cities, NACTO holds roundtables, workshops, and webinars on best practices and challenges for the growing bike share movement.

Issue Briefs

NACTO is developing a set of Bike Share Issue Briefs on innovative topics such as using bike share to increase transportation equity; planning, financing, implementing and managing bike share systems; leveraging bike share investments to complement existing transit systems; coordination with bike network development; and engaging with new bike share users.

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Recognizing that the obstacles faced by US cities are shared by nations around the world, in 2013 NACTO kicked off an International Membership program beginning with cities in Canada and Mexico. Current International Members include Montreal, Toronto, and Vancouver.

International Members have access to NACTO's peer-to-peer network and participate in both the Cities for Cycling and Designing Cities initiatives. They will also maintain sub-groups devoted to issues specific to their country, working together to change entrenched policies, reevaluate national design standards, and confront common obstacles.



Interim public plaza in Mexico D.F

CITIES IN CANADA AND MEXICO FACE MANY OF THE SAME OBSTACLES AS US CITIES AND ARE USING A SIMILAR TOOLKIT TO TRANSFORM THEIR STREETS.



Raised cycle track in Vancouver, BC



MEMBERSHIP FORM

After downloading form, fill out electronically and return to nacto@nacto.org
You will be invoiced upon approval of your membership.

CITY NAME: _____

AGENCY DIRECTOR NAME: _____

DIRECTOR TITLE (e.g. Transportation Commissioner): _____

AGENCY NAME: _____

STAFF CONTACT NAME: _____

STAFF CONTACT TITLE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROVINCE: _____ ZIP: _____

STAFF CONTACT EMAIL: _____

STAFF CONTACT PHONE: _____

AGENCY DIRECTOR PHONE: _____

FAX: _____

WEBSITE: _____

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