



CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
CITY OF CHICAGO

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Janette Sadik-Khan,  
Chair  
National Association of City Transportation Officials  
120 Park Avenue, 23rd Floor  
New York, NY 10017

Dear Ms. Sadik-Khan:

The City of Chicago is pleased to endorse the NACTO *Global Street Design Guide*. As with other NACTO guides that we utilize in the design of our streets, bikeways and transit streets, this new, timely resource will be of great benefit to Chicago as we work to provide our residents and visitors with the modern, safe, and efficient transportation system they need and deserve.

The *Global Street Design Guide* redefines the role of streets and provides a global perspective on the use of streets and public spaces in an increasingly urbanized world. It is critical that cities across the world put people first in the design and use of our progressively complex transportation systems. From moving more people with dedicated transit lanes, as we are doing with Chicago's new Loop Link, to allocating space for vibrant urban activity, such as our Make Way for People program, this new global toolkit is applicable to a variety of contexts worldwide.

By employing a toolkit approach to innovative street design, the *Global Street Design Guide* will assist Chicago, and numerous cities worldwide, in providing safe, convenient and efficient transport to their residents, visitors and businesses. The guide takes into account the needs of the vast diversity of people and vehicles using our streets, and will help us to improve access, safety, mobility, environmental quality, economic equity, public health and the overall quality of life for all users of our transportation systems regardless of their mode choice.

The *Global Street Design Guide* is yet another example of the fine work conducted by NACTO. Thank you for your continued work on behalf of cities across the United States and beyond, and the residents and visitors we serve.

Sincerely,

Rebekah Scheinfeld  
Commissioner