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Janette Sadik-Khan,
Permanent Chair,
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Dear Janette Sadik-Khan: 

Re: Global Streets Design Guide

The National Association of City Transportation Officials' Global Designing Cities Initiative has recently produced the Global Street Design Guide. This new publication represents a vision for world-class city street design that aims to meet the goals of our city leaders and the desires of our communities. As transportation, planning and design leaders, we find ourselves today in the midst of unprecedented change, as the demands placed upon our streets and the desires of our citizens have set in motion a new paradigm for and perception of the street itself. Pressures from public health to climate change to mobile technology are together reshaping and redefining our professions, while at the same time opening opportunities for innovation that were inconceivable only a decade ago.

At a time when we are striving to react to these trends, the Global Street Design Guide offers a concrete vision and useful resource for improving the safety and livability of our streets for pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, and transit users. City streets demand a unique approach unmet by conventional design guidelines. The guidance, vision, and flexibility for context-sensitive application articulated in the Global Street Design Guide are well aligned with Toronto's Complete Streets Guidelines and provide a new, innovative and important direction for cities. We see the Guide as a complementary tool in planning modern city streets, especially as we work toward implementing and continually learning from leading and best practices with our partners at all levels of government.

Barbara Gray on behalf of Transportation Services and Jennifer Keesmaat on behalf of City Planning, City of Toronto officially endorse the Global Street Design Guide as an integral and efficient tool for designing safe and sustainable streets and public spaces.

Yours truly,



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