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We watch over the land and sea and in turn they watch over us.

May 16, 2017

Janette Sadik-Khan
Permanent Chair, Global Designing Cities Initiative
National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO)
120 Park Ave, 23rd Floor
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Dear Ms. Sadik-Khan

Re: NACTO Global Street Design Guide

City of Vancouver is part of a growing movement of cities around the world that recognize the critical role city streets play in addressing many challenges facing an urbanizing world. In order to make streets truly serve the City and its residents, the city is utilizing a ‘Complete Streets’ approach to the planning and design of our streets. We strive to be at the frontier of this approach, as we set out to have two-thirds of all trips made by foot, bike and transit by 2040 while eliminating road fatalities. This requires us to build upon innovative design guides that establish best-practices for streets that are more safe, convenient, comfortable, and delightful for people of all ages and abilities to walk, cycle, and take transit.

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, people-centric city street design for all modes of transportation. It also highlights opportunities to rethink our streets and unlock the multitude of benefits that well-designed streets provide cities like Vancouver to improve public health, mitigate climate change, enhance the local economy, and foster a vibrant public life.

Lon LaClaire, Director of Transportation expressed “*making our streets safer for all modes of transportation and more accessible for people of all ages and abilities is integral to our approach in Vancouver and the Global Street Design Guide serves as a holistic and invaluable guide for much of our work*”. It also helps create a common vision with our partners at all levels of government and other partner cities around the world.

Mayor Gregor Robertson expressed that “*great streets are vital to achieving our sustainability goals in Vancouver. This NACTO guide allows us to be part of a global conversation with other cities, as we accelerate our efforts to make our streets safe, accessible and vibrant for all*”.

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On behalf of the City of Vancouver, I, Mayor Gregor Robertson officially endorse the Global Street Design Guide as an integral and efficient tool for designing safe and sustainable streets and public spaces.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregor Robertson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gregor" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Robertson".

Gregor Robertson
Mayor, City of Vancouver

cc: Jerry Dobrovlny, General Manager Engineering Services
Lon LaClaire, Director of Transportation
Dale Bracewell, Manager Transportation Planning