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Ms. Janette Sadik-Khan
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Dear Ms. Sadik-Khan

As leaders and organizations that support transportation and planning efforts around the world, 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.

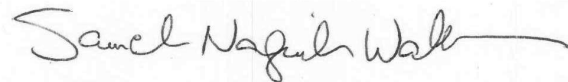
The Global Street Design Guide recently produced by National Association of City Transportation Officials' Global Designing Cities Initiative is a powerful addition to the tools available to planners when developing their own city level guidelines. While other publications and processes address aspects of road design and safety, NACTO's Global Street Design Guide is a comprehensive guide that takes street design to another level by seeking to create great streets for people, providing guidance on how to contextualize the approach to the local culture, and illustrating concepts through a rich set of examples from cities around the world.

The World Bank's urban and transport practices will surely draw on this valuable resource and look forward to further enriching it with lessons learned from experience. We wish NACTO a successful event on May 16th, and look forward to seeing the Global Street Design Guide becoming used as a tool for designing more sustainable streets and public spaces.

Sincerely,



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