To,
Janette Sadik-Khan,
Permanent Chair,
Global Designing Cities Initiative.

Congratulations on the comprehensive, inclusive and excellent publication the Global Street Design Guide. We were thrilled to have Skye Duncan present the guide at Walk21 Hong Kong - on a pre-publication sneak preview.

This new publication represents a vision for world-class city street design that meets the goals of our city leaders and the desires of our communities. 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 demand fresh thinking and a coordinated response.

At a time when we are striving to react to these trends, the Global Street Design Guide offers a concrete vision 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 articulated in the Global Street Design Guide instigate a new and important direction for cities.

We have already shared the Guide at our event in Hong Kong and other fora and seen how impressed practitioners are with having such a useful tool for planning modern city streets and to see their vision for better streets articulated in the breadth of examples and details provided.

On behalf of Walk21, I am pleased to officially endorse the Global Street Design Guide as an integral and inspiring tool for designing safe and sustainable streets and public spaces.

Congratulations to the whole team!

We look forward to seeing successful implementation of the ideas in cities around the world and are happy to support this through our work.

With warm regards

Jim Walker
Founder and Strategic Director