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

The Ministry of Transport (MOT) of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has been striving for the past couple of years to improve the nation road safety status. As part of this effort improving safety features during design stage was considered as one major area of intervention. In addition to this our national Non-motorized transport strategy was launched on June 2020.

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 meets 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 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 see the Guide as an indispensable tool in planning modern city streets, especially as we work toward a common vision with our partners at all levels of government.

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MOT strongly believes that this guideline will help to mitigate the current traffic crash observed in our secondary cities due to lack of design features which promote low speed in cities and town section. The guideline will also assist us to realize our non-motorized transport strategy and various design safety parameters recommended in the guideline.

Ministry of Transport on behalf of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia officially endorses the Global Street Design Guide as an integral and efficient tool for designing safe and sustainable streets and public spaces.

Yours sincerely,

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