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Date April 25, 2016

**ENDORSEMENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
CITY TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS DESIGN GUIDES**

WHEREAS, the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) is a non-profit coalition of City transportation departments committed to raising the state of the art practice for street design and transportation; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, NACTO released the Urban Bikeway Design Guide to provide cities with state-of-the-practice solutions that can help create complete streets that are safe and enjoyable for bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, NACTO released the Urban Street Design Guide, a flexible design manual and toolbox for cities to make City streets safer, more livable, and more economically vibrant; and

WHEREAS, in April 2016, NACTO released the Transit Street Design Guide, a guide with a new vision for how cities can harness the immense potential of transit to create active and efficient streets, in neighborhoods and downtowns alike; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2007, by Roll Call No. 07-2388, City Council adopted the "Goals to Make Des Moines a Bicycle Friendly Community" and directed the City Manager to work toward implementing such goals; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2008 by Roll Call 08-1701, City Council adopted the "Complete Streets" Policy as a component of the City's "Goals to Make Des Moines a Bicycle Friendly Community;" and

WHEREAS, the Urban Street Design Guide, Transit Street Design Guide, and Urban Bikeway Design Guide (collectively, Guide) outlines a clear vision for complete streets with strong principles and practices; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Land Institute Iowa, a District Council of the Urban Land Institute, Des Moines Area MPO, Greater Des Moines Partnership, Capital Crossroads, Downtown Community Alliance, Downtown Neighborhood Association, Historic East Village, Inc., Des Moines Bicycle Collective, Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation, AARP Iowa, Employers Mutual Casualty Company, Hubbell Realty Company, Kum & Go, and Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield, all unanimously supported the Guide in letters to the City Manager in March, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, the Guide provides pertinent information and best practices to aid the City of Des Moines in realizing the goals and policies presented in Plan DSM, the City Council's Strategic Plan, the Des Moines Area MPO's The Tomorrow Plan; DART Forward 2035, Des Moines Area MPO's Mobilizing Tomorrow Plan, and Capital Crossroads Regional Vision Plan; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2015 by Roll Call 15-0571, City Council approved and adopted the Iowa Statewide Urban Design and Specifications (SUDAS) Design Manual, 2015 edition as the official design standards for the City of Des Moines, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2016, City Council is being asked to approve and adopt the SUDAS Design Manual, 2016 Edition as the office design standards for the City of Des Moines, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Guide will be used in conjunction with the SUDAS Design Manual.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF Des Moines, Iowa: That the City Council endorses the NACTO Urban Street Design Guide, Transit Street Design Guide, and Urban Bikeway Design Guide, as additional design guides.

**(Council Communication No. 16-217)**

Moved by Coleman to adopt; subject to discussion with IDOT regarding use of NACTO design guides.

FORM APPROVED:

Kathleen Vanderpool  
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Deputy City Attorney

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COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MOORE	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

T. M. Franklin Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Diane Rauh City Clerk