

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: City Development Department

AGENDA DATE: May 20, 2014

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Fred Lopez, (915) 212-1564, lopezar@elpasotexas.gov

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: ALL

SUBJECT:

A Resolution adopting the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) "Urban Street Design Guide" and "Urban Bikeway Design Guide" as the official design guidelines for bicycle facility projects and other city funded street and roadway improvement projects within the City of El Paso. **(All Districts)**

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

This resolution adopts the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) "Urban Street Design Guide" and "Urban Bikeway Design Guide" as the official design guidelines for bicycle facility projects and other city funded street and roadway improvement projects within the City of El Paso.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

On March 18, 2014, the El Paso City Council directed City staff to bring forth a resolution adopting the NACTO "Urban Street Design Guide" and "Urban Bikeway Design Guide" as the official design guidelines for bicycle facility projects and other city funded street and roadway improvement projects within the City of El Paso.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) N/A _____

FINANCE: (if required) N/A _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Mathew McElroy, Director
City Development Department

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CITY TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS (NACTO) "URBAN STREET DESIGN GUIDE" AND "URBAN BIKEWAY DESIGN GUIDE" AS THE OFFICIAL DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND OTHER CITY FUNDED STREET AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WITHIN THE CITY OF EL PASO.

WHEREAS, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) bicycle and pedestrian design guides are the primary national resources for planning, designing, and operating bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and

WHEREAS, the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) builds upon the flexibilities provided in the AASHTO guides, which can help communities plan and design safe and convenient facilities for pedestrian and bicyclists, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recognizes that many of the treatments in the NACTO Urban Bikeway Guide are compatible with the AASHTO Bike Guide and demonstrate new and innovative solutions for the varied urban settings across the country, and

WHEREAS, NACTO "Urban Street Design Guide" and "Urban Bikeway Design Guide" were developed as resources to design safe and economically vibrant streets and bicycle facilities in cities across the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the NACTO "Urban Street Design Guide" and "Urban Bikeway Design Guide" utilize best practices in designing urban streets that are safe, livable and contribute to the built environment; and,

WHEREAS, the FHWA supports the use of NACTO "Urban Bikeway Design Guide" as a resource to further develop non-motorized transportation networks, particularly in urban areas; and,

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso is committed to creating a well-connected street network that accommodates all modes of transportation, including walking, bicycling, driving and mass transit; and,

WHEREAS, creating well-designed streets that encourage walking and bicycling is an effective means to promote healthy activities for all ages and abilities; and,

WHEREAS, well-designed streets enhance neighborhoods and contribute to the built environment; and,

WHEREAS, the City's comprehensive plan, *Plan El Paso*, recommends enhancing walkability, pedestrian safety, bicycle facilities and traffic calming as a means of improving the quality of life for El Paso residents and visitors; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City of El Paso adopts the NACTO "Urban Street Design Guide" and "Urban Bikeway Design Guide" as the official design guidelines for the Capital Improvement Projects and other City funded street and roadway improvement projects within the City of El Paso.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Karla M. Nieman
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Fred Lopez, AICP
Transportation Planning Administrator



MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 13, 2014

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
Joyce A. Wilson, City Manager

FROM: Fred Lopez, AICP, CNU-A, Transportation Planning Division

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