

Downtown Community Council
Resolution Supporting the adoption of National Association City Transportation Officials (NACTO)
Guidelines and Affiliation with (NACTO)
Resolution 2023-004

WHEREAS, bicyclists and pedestrians in Anchorage are underserved, and

WHEREAS, injuries to bicyclists and pedestrians continue to mount in Anchorage, and

WHEREAS, The Assembly has just passed modifications to Title 21 that encourage bicycle parking, signaling an increased interest in bicycle transportation, and

WHEREAS, appropriate planning and design are critical to reducing pedestrian and bicyclist injuries, and

WHEREAS, technology and equipment have improved over the past decade to enable bicycles as a viable alternative mode of transportation in Anchorage year-round, and

WHEREAS, AMATS staff have indicated that the only body that can in fact adopt the NACTO design standards is the Municipal Assembly.

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly with concurrence from the Downtown Community Council adopted the *Our Downtown: Downtown Anchorage District Plan* where in Chapter 7 incorporates National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) standards for both Minor Streets (Figure #18) and Major Streets (Figure #19) to guide future redevelopment of Downtown Streets consistent with these Assembly-adopted NACTO recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the *Our Downtown: Downtown Anchorage District Plan* also contains with the following action items in Chapter 8: Implementation in support of increased bicycle and pedestrian access:

1. T&C-2: Pedestrian-Friendly Streets Project – intended to adjust signal timing to allow for the reduction of speed limits on Downtown streets.
2. T&C-3: Historic 3rd Avenue Bikeway Boulevard Project – intended to turn 3rd Avenue into a bicycle boulevard street.
3. T&C-4: Coastal Trail Connector to Historic 3rd Avenue Pilot Project – intended to connect 3rd Avenue to the Coastal Trail.
4. T&C-10: Prioritize and fund secured bicycle storage.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED; this community council encourages the Anchorage Assembly to adopt NACTO guides, especially with respect to Bicycle and Pedestrian design per the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide <https://nacto.org/publication/urban-bikeway-design-guide/>, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this community council encourages the Anchorage Assembly to become a NACTO affiliate.

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