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Incorporating NACTO Bikeway Design Guideline Updates within the County’s Bicycle Master Plan Update

Like many other jurisdictions, LA County uses the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) urban bikeway design guidelines to plan transportation improvements. NACTO develops street design guidelines to help local jurisdictions enhance their transit accessibility, active transportation plans, and user safety.

For the first time since 2014, NACTO is [updating its Urban Bikeway Design Guide](#) and has recently published working papers identifying some significant guideline changes. These working papers cover a wide variety of topics, including improving data collection, ensuring equitable access, managing shared micro-mobility, fostering community collaboration, accommodating diverse transportation devices, building connected and inclusive bike networks, and using durable materials for long-lasting infrastructure. Some other large metropolitan areas are already implementing infrastructure improvements that align with these guideline updates. New York City, for

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instance, is enhancing safety and accommodating more bike users by widening some of its protected bike lanes to between eight and ten feet.

Simultaneously, the LA County Department of Public Works (DPW) is updating its 2012 Bicycle Master Plan (Plan), which will guide the County's development of bikeways and paths within unincorporated areas of the County and along County flood control district channels. Given the County's practice of following NACTO guidelines and recommendations, it is important for DPW to review NACTO's working papers and consider incorporating the updated guidelines into the upcoming iteration of the Bicycle Master Plan. Particular attention should be given to recommendations that advance safety, accessibility, equity, and other County priorities.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Public Works to:

1. Assess the potential impacts of integrating NACTO's working papers into the County's Bicycle Master Plan and provide a recommendation on whether they should be incorporated into the Plan;
2. Identify other active transportation guidelines DPW should review and consider updating; and
3. Report back in writing on the above in 120 days.

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