New York Transit Museum

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Book Launch: NACTO Transit Street Design Guide

Tuesday, April 26th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm

In 2014, Americans took 10.8 billion trips on public transit, the most since the dawn of the highway era. How can transit and cities grow together? On Tuesday, April 26, join contributors from the MTA, the Department of Transportation, TransitCenter, and the National Association of City Transportation Officials at the New York Transit Museum for the release of a new design guide for building world-class transit streets and a conversation about the much-needed link between transit planning, transportation engineering, and street design.

The <u>Transit Street Design Guide</u>, published by the <u>National Association of City Transportation Officials</u> (NACTO), is an illustrated, detailed blueprint for the future of mobility in cities. From local buses to BRT, from streetcars to light rail – it draws on the expertise of a peer network and case studies from across North America. At a time when cities from the world are experiencing rapid growth, transit is the key to unlocking street space and moving people to where they want, and need, to be. NACTO's <u>Transit Street Design Guide</u> provides a framework for cities to grow without slowing down, while making city streets great public spaces.

Featured panelists include:

- **Eric Beaton**, Senior Director of Transit Development, New York City Department of Transportation.
- **Matthew Roe**, Director, Designing Cities Initiative, National Association of City Transportation Officials.
- Sarah Wyss, Senior Director, Bus Service Planning at MTA New York City Transit.
- Moderated by **David Bragdon**, Executive Director, TransitCenter.

Tickets are available at http://bit.ly/NACTODesign for \$10 (free for Museum members). Visit www.mta.info/museum/programs for more information on Transit Museum programs and to purchase tickets.

ABOUT NACTO:

<u>NACTO</u> is an association of 45 major North American cities formed to exchange transportation ideas, insights and practices and cooperatively approach national transportation issues.

Member cities include Atlanta, Austin, Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Portland, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Seattle, and Washington D.C. Affiliate member cities include Arlington VA, Boulder, Burlington, Cambridge, Chattanooga, El Paso, Fort Lauderdale, Hoboken, Indianapolis, Louisville, Madison, Memphis, Miami Beach, Montreal, Oakland, Palo Alto, Puebla, Salt Lake City, Santa Monica, Somerville, Toronto, Vancouver BC, Vancouver WA, and Ventura.

ABOUT NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM:

The New York Transit Museum, one of the city's leading cultural institutions, is the largest museum in the United States devoted to urban public transportation history and one of the premier institutions of its kind in the world. The Museum explores the development of the greater New York metropolitan region through the presentation of exhibitions, tours, educational programs and workshops dealing with the cultural, social and technological history of public transportation. Since its inception nearly 40 years ago, the Museum – which is housed in a historic 1936 IND subway station in Downtown Brooklyn – has grown in scope and popularity. The New York Transit Museum operates a Gallery Annex in Grand Central Terminal that presents changing exhibitions. As custodian and interpreter of the region's extensive public transportation networks, the Museum strives to share through its public programs their rich and vibrant history with local, regional, and international audiences.

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When: Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 pm (doors open at 6:00)

Where: New York Transit Museum

Boerum Place and Schermerhorn Street

Admission: \$10/Free for Museum members

Tickets: http://bit.ly/NACTODesign

Complimentary press passes available.

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