

**NATIONAL CITY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
AGENDA REPORT FOR MAY 11, 2022**

ITEM NO. 2022-05

ITEM TITLE: REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF A BLUE CURB DISABLED PERSONS PARKING SPACE WITH SIGNAGE IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE AT 405 RACHAEL AVENUE.

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DISCUSSION:

The resident of 405 Rachael Avenue, has requested a blue curb disabled persons parking space in front of her residence. The resident possesses a valid disabled persons placard from the California Department of Motor Vehicles. The resident stated that it is difficult for her to find parking in front of her residence due to the high demand of parking in the area and that a disabled persons parking space in front of her residence would provide easier access to the house.

Staff visited the site and observed that the resident's residence has a driveway entrance and garage. With her permission and supervision, staff measured the driveway and garage. The driveway is 16 feet long by 26 feet wide with a slope of 14%. The garage is 11 feet long by 16 feet wide with negligible slope. The minimum dimensions for a driveway and garage to accommodate a vehicle with a disabled driver or passenger is 20 feet long by 12 feet wide. In order to accommodate a vehicle with a disabled driver or passenger, the slope must be 2% or less. These conditions are not met since the dimensions of the driveway and garage and the slope of the driveway do not meet the minimum parking requirements for disabled persons.

The City Council has adopted a policy which is used to evaluate requests for disabled persons parking spaces. The City Council Disabled Persons Parking Policy requirements for "Special Hardship" cases are as follows:

1. Applicant (or guardian) must be in possession of valid license plates or placard for "disabled persons" or "disabled veterans". *This condition is met.*
2. The proposed disabled parking space must be in front (or side if on a corner lot) of the applicant's (or guardian's) place of residence. *This condition is met.*
3. The residence must not have useable off-street parking available or an off-street space available that may be converted into disabled parking. *This condition is met.*

It shall be noted that disabled persons parking spaces do not constitute "personal reserved parking" and that any person with valid "disabled persons" license plates or placards may park in handicap spaces.

Staff is working on a parking implementation plan that will make recommendations to modify Title 11 of the National City Municipal Code to manage future blue curb requests as the City is receiving an increase in the amount of requests for blue curb disabled persons parking spaces. Please see attached exhibit for the location of existing blue curb disabled persons parking spaces within a 4-block radius from the proposed location for this request.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Since all three conditions of the City Council Disabled Persons Parking Policy for “Special Hardship” cases are met, staff recommends the installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 405 Rachael Avenue.

EXHIBITS:

1. Public Request Form
2. Public Notice
3. Location Map (Exhibit “A”)
4. Location Map showing existing blue curb parking spaces in the area (Exhibit “B”)
5. Photos
6. City Council Disabled Persons Parking Policy

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REQUEST FOR BLUE CURB DISABLED PERSONS PARKING SPACE

NAME OF DISABLED PERSON: _____

NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE FOR DISABLED PERSON (if different from above): _____

ADDRESS: 405 Rachael AV. National City CA 91957

EMAIL: L

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Please answer the following questions, which will assist Engineering staff, the Traffic Safety Committee, and your City Council in determining if you are qualified to have a blue curb disabled persons parking space placed in front of your residence. Please be informed that all blue curb parking spaces are considered public parking. Therefore, any registered vehicle in possession of a disabled persons placard or license plate is legally allowed to park in the blue curb space for up to 72 continuous hours.

1) Do you possess a valid disabled person's placard issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)? YES NO
If YES, please include a copy of the placard, which contains your name, address, placard number, and expiration date.

2) Does your residence have a garage? YES NO

If YES, is the garage large enough to park a vehicle (minimum of 20' x 12')? YES NO

3) Does your residence have a driveway? YES NO

If YES, a) Is the driveway large enough to park a vehicle? (minimum of 20' x 12') YES NO

b) Is the driveway level? YES NO

c) Is the driveway sloped/inclined? YES NO

4) Please write any additional comments here (optional).

Alexandra can not put the car in the garage because we are on a rise and it is very difficult for her to put the change to lower it



May 4, 2022

Resident/Property Owner

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PARKING SPACE WITH SIGNAGE IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE AT 405
RACHAEL AVENUE.**

Dear Sir/Madame:

The City of National City would like to invite you to our next public Traffic Safety Committee Conference Call scheduled for **Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 1:00 P.M.** via Zoom. Please use the following information to call-in to the meeting during the scheduled time:

Join Zoom Meeting from computer

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86181895286?pwd=cUJlUjN2Um4xa2d6OUxhc3hQME91QT09>

Join Zoom Meeting by phone

+1 720-707-2699

Meeting ID: 861 8189 5286

Passcode: 941266

If you have any questions, comments, and/or concerns, please contact the Engineering Department at 619-336-4380 and reference Traffic Safety Committee Item Number 2022-05.

Sincerely,

Roberto Yano, P.E.
City Engineer/Director of Public Works

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Enclosure: Location Map
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Exhibit "A" - Location Map with Recommended Enhancements (TSC Item: 2022-05)

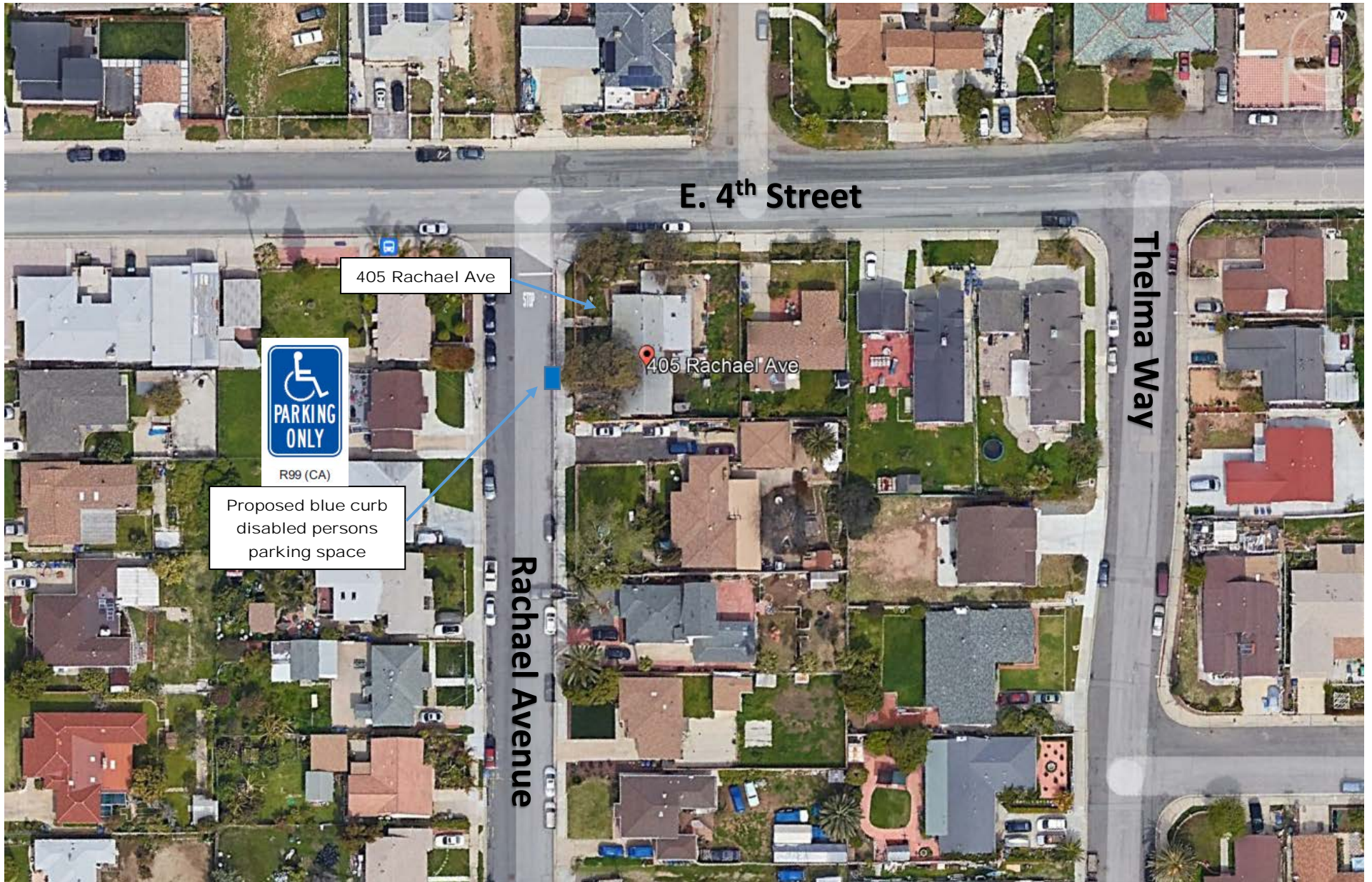


Exhibit "B" - Location Map showing existing blue curb parking spaces (TSC Item: 2022-05)





Location of proposed blue curb disabled persons parking space in front of 405 Rachael Ave (looking south)



Location of proposed blue curb disabled persons parking space in front of 405 Rachael Ave (looking east)

DISABLED PERSONS PARKING POLICY

The purpose of a disabled persons parking zone is to provide designated parking spaces at major points of assembly for the exclusive use of physically disabled persons whose vehicle displays a distinguishing license plate as authorized by the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

The City Council may upon recommendation of the City Engineer, designate specially marked and posted on-street parking spaces for disabled persons pursuant to California Vehicle Code 21101, et seq. at the following facilities:

1. Government buildings serving the public such as administration buildings, public employment offices, public libraries, police stations, etc.
2. Hospitals and convalescent homes with more than 75-bed capacity.
3. Medical facilities and doctors' offices staffed by a maximum of five practitioners. Zones shall be located to serve a maximum number of facilities on one block.
4. Community service facilities such as senior citizens service centers, etc.
5. Accredited vocational training and educational facilities where no off-street parking is provided for disabled persons.
6. Employment offices for major enterprises employing more than 200 persons.
7. Public recreational facilities including municipal swimming pools, recreation halls, museums, etc.
8. Public theaters, auditoriums, meeting halls, arenas, stadiums with more than 300 seating capacity.
9. Other places of assembly such as schools and churches.
10. Commercial and/or office building(s) with an aggregate of more than 50,000 square feet of usable floor space. Zone shall be located to serve a maximum number of facilities on one block.
11. Hotels catering to daily guests, maintaining a ground floor lobby and a switchboard that is operated 24 hours per day.

12. A hotel or apartment house catering to weekly or monthly guests and containing more than 30 separate living units.

In addition, disabled persons parking spaces may be provided within all publicly owned, leased or controlled off-street parking facilities as specified in the General Requirements.

General Requirements

Each disabled persons parking space shall be indicated by blue paint and a sign (white on blue) showing the international symbol of accessibility (a profile view of a wheelchair with occupant).

Where installed under the above criteria the total number of disabled persons curb parking spaces will be limited to 3% of the total number of on-street parking spaces available in the area and shall be distributed uniformly within the area.

Disabled persons parking will not be installed at locations with a full-time parking prohibition. When a disabled persons parking zone is installed where a part-time parking prohibition is in effect, the disabled persons parking zone will have the same time restrictions as the part-time parking prohibition.

The cost of installing disabled persons parking will be assumed by the City on public streets and public off-street parking facilities.

In establishing on-street parking facilities for the disabled there shall be a reasonable determination made that the need is of an on-going nature. The intent is to prevent the proliferation of special parking stalls that may be installed for a short-term purpose but later are seldom used. Unjustified installation of such parking stalls unnecessarily increases the City's maintenance and operations costs, reduce available on-street parking for the general public, and detract from the overall effectiveness of the disabled persons parking program.

Special Hardship Cases

It is not the intention of the City to provide personal reserved parking on the public right-of-way, especially in residential areas. However, exceptions may be made, in special hardship cases, provided all of the following conditions exists:

- (1) Applicant (or guardian) must be in possession of valid license plates for "disabled persons" or "disabled veterans."
- (2) The proposed disabled parking space must be in front of the applicant's (or guardian's) place of residence.

- (3) Subject residence must not have useable off-street parking available or off-street space available that may be converted into disabled parking.

NOTE: It must be emphasized that such parking spaces do not constitute "personal reserved parking" and that any person with valid "disabled persons" license plates may park in the above stalls.

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