

**NATIONAL CITY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
AGENDA REPORT FOR OCTOBER 12, 2022**

ITEM NO. 2022-07

ITEM TITLE: REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF A BLUE CURB DISABLED PERSONS PARKING SPACE WITH SIGNAGE IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE AT 3503 CAGLE STREET

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DISCUSSION:

Mr. Gary Mujica, resident of 3503 Cagle Street, has requested a blue curb disabled persons parking space in front of his residence. The resident possesses a valid disabled persons placard from the California Department of Motor Vehicles. The resident stated that it is difficult for him to find parking in front of his residence due to the high demand of parking in the area and that a disabled persons parking space in front of his residence would provide easier access to the house.

Staff visited the site and observed that Mr. Mujica's residence has a driveway and garage. With his permission and supervision, staff measured the driveway and the garage. The driveway is 20 feet long by 10 feet wide with negligible slope. The garage is 18 feet long by 8 feet wide with a negligible slope. The minimum dimensions for a garage or driveway to accommodate a vehicle with a disabled driver or passenger is 20 feet long by 12 feet wide. This condition is not met since the dimensions 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.

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.



Request for Blue Curb Disabled Persons Parking Space

Name of Applicant: Gary Mujica

Name of Disabled Person (if different from above): Gary Mujica

Address: 3503 Cagle street

Email: garymujica@yahoo.com Phone Number: 619-414-7932

Please answer the following questions, which will assist Engineering Department 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 name, address, placard number, and expiration date along with this request form.

2. Does your residence have a garage?

YES NO

If answered 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 answered YES, please refer to the following questions:

- 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

Additional comments Please consider this request as I am a life long resident of the City of National City and

I have recently become physically disabled. I have lived at my current residence for 12 years and dont have

any plans of selling my home and moving away in the future. Our neighborhood has become overwhelmed

with excess vehicles in the last 2 years and that has made it difficult to park near my residence. I thank you

in advance for giving me the opportunity to file for this privilege as I do understand it is not a right.

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From: Luca Zappiello
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Attachments: Meeting Agenda_October_12_2022.pdf

Importance: High

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, October 12, 2022, at 1:00 P.M.** via Zoom. Please see attached the meeting agenda and use the following information to call-in to the meeting during the scheduled time:

Join Zoom Meeting from computer

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88407283642?pwd=SUdvcEI4TTJCU2tEMzNubHhIZkZ5UT09>

Join Zoom Meeting by phone

+1 720-707-2699

Meeting ID: 884 0728 3642

Passcode: 055468

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!



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Location Map with Recommended Enhancements (TSC Item: 2022-07)

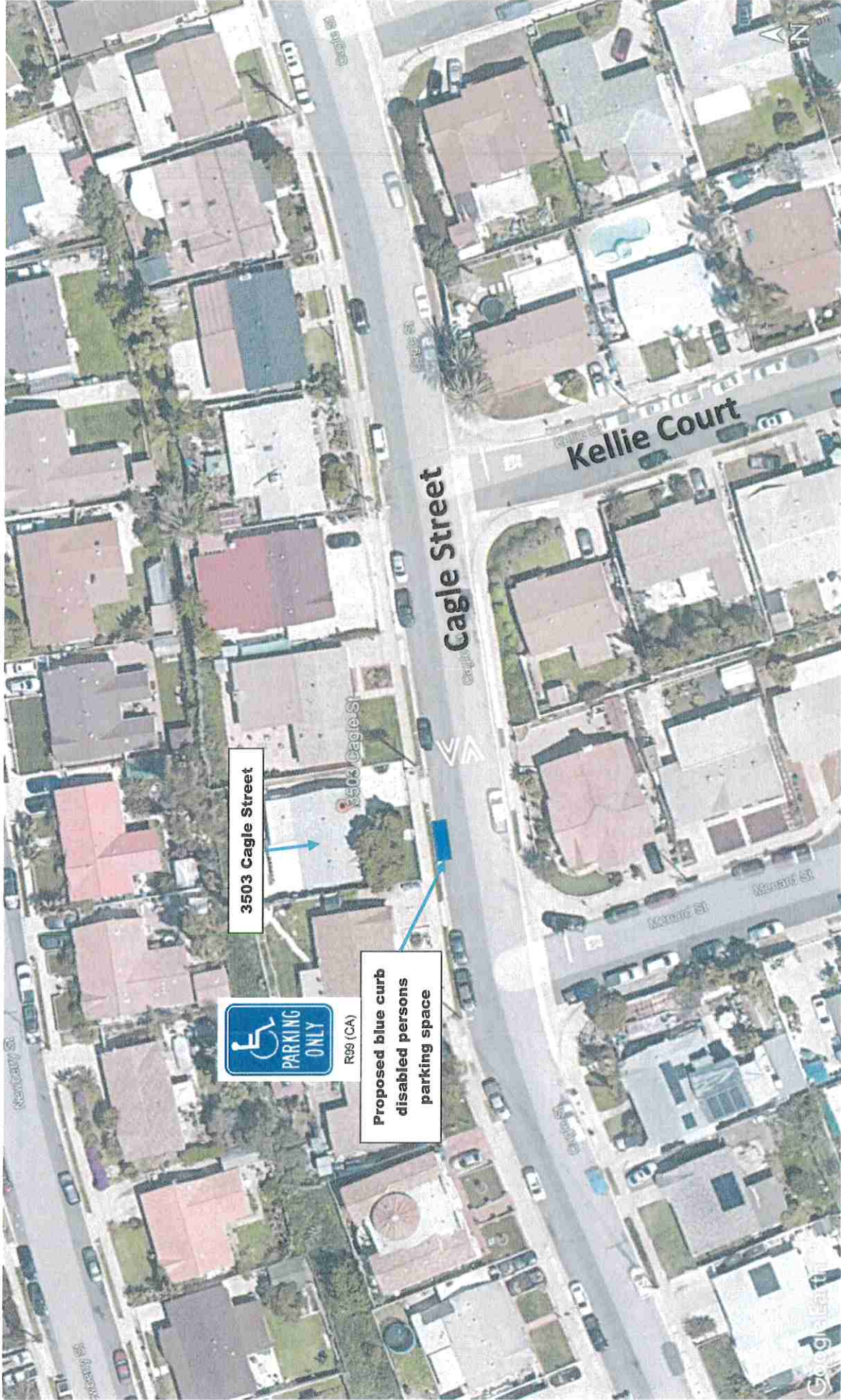
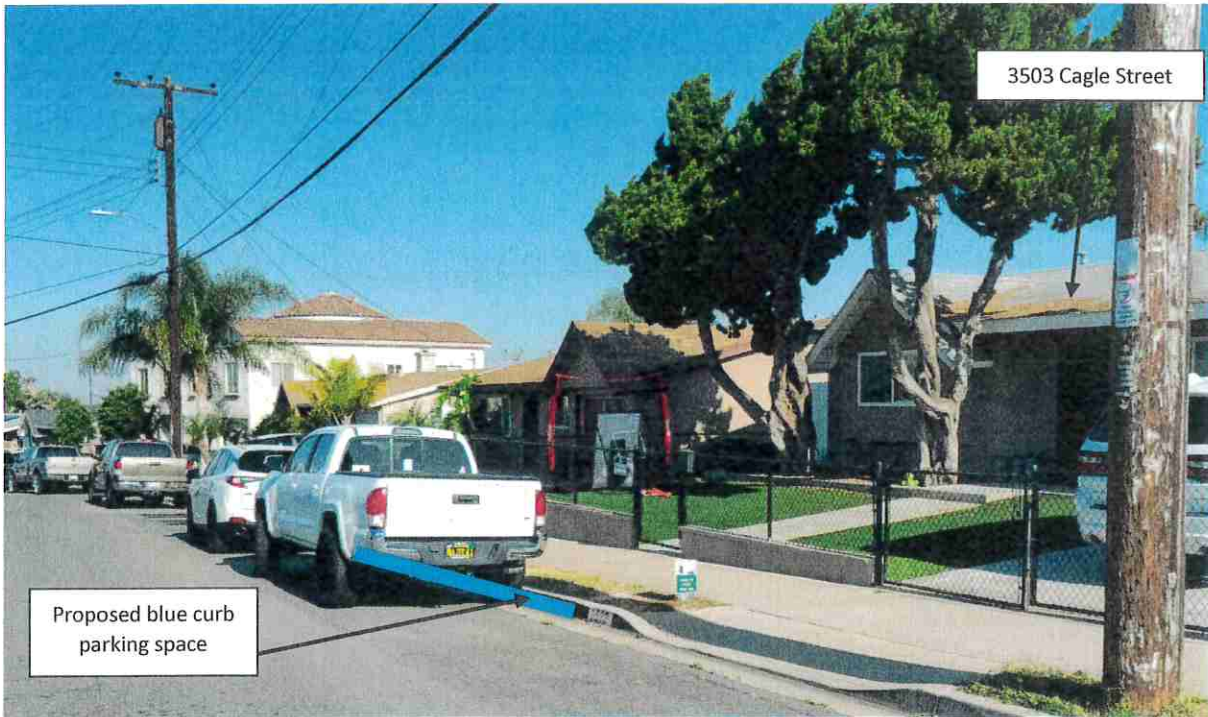


Exhibit B: Location Map showing existing blue curb parking spaces (TSC Item: 2022-07)





Location of proposed blue curb disabled persons parking space in front of 3503 Cagle Street (looking west)



Location of proposed blue curb disabled persons parking space in front of 3503 Cagle Street (looking north)

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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