

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

**ITEM NO. 2022-09**

**ITEM TITLE:** REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF TWO BLUE CURB DISABLED PERSONS PARKING SPACES WITH SIGNAGE IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE AT 421 RACHAEL AVENUE.

**PREPARED BY:** Luca Zappiello, Assistant Engineer – Civil Engineering & Public Works Department

**DISCUSSION:**

Mrs. Olivia Hill and Mrs. Sheri Hill residents of 421 Rachael Avenue, have requested two blue curb disabled persons parking spaces in front of their residence. The residents possess valid disabled persons placards from the California Department of Motor Vehicles. Mrs. Olivia Hill stated that there are five people living in the house and each of them has a vehicle. Mrs. Hill stated that since it is difficult for them to find parking in front of their residence they all have to park their vehicles along their driveway, crowding the driveway and making it challenging to exit. Mrs. Hill stated that a disabled persons parking space in front of their residence would provide easier access to the house.

Staff visited the site and observed that the residence has a driveway entrance and garage. With permission and supervision, staff measured the driveway and the garage. The driveway is 96 feet long by 22 feet wide with a varying slope of 4-8%. The garage is 14 feet wide with negligible slope, however, staff was unable to measure the length/depth of the garage since it is currently used for storage and is inaccessible. Mrs. Olivia Hill stated that the garage is long enough to accommodate her accessible van. 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 with a slope of 2% or less.

These conditions are not met since 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. *The resident has a garage big enough to accommodate one vehicle, however, it is not big enough to*

*accommodate two vehicles. For this reason, the resident has off-street parking for one vehicle and does not have off-street parking for the second vehicle.*

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.

**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 one blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 421 Rachael Avenue.

Staff does not recommend the installation of the second blue curb disabled persons parking space in front of the residence since the resident has a garage that is big enough to accommodate one vehicle disabled persons parking space.

**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



**Request for Blue Curb Disabled Persons Parking Space**

Name of Applicant: Olivia and Sheri Hill (both) Handicap

Name of Disabled Person (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 421 Rachel Ave National City

Email: deandron@cox.net Phone Number: 619-248-1434

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 2 disabled people living in the house.  
6 people live in house with ~~not~~ vehicles.

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## Luca Zappiello

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**From:** Luca Zappiello  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 6, 2022 3:20 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Traffic Safety Committee - Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 1:00 P.M. via Zoom  
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**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:

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!



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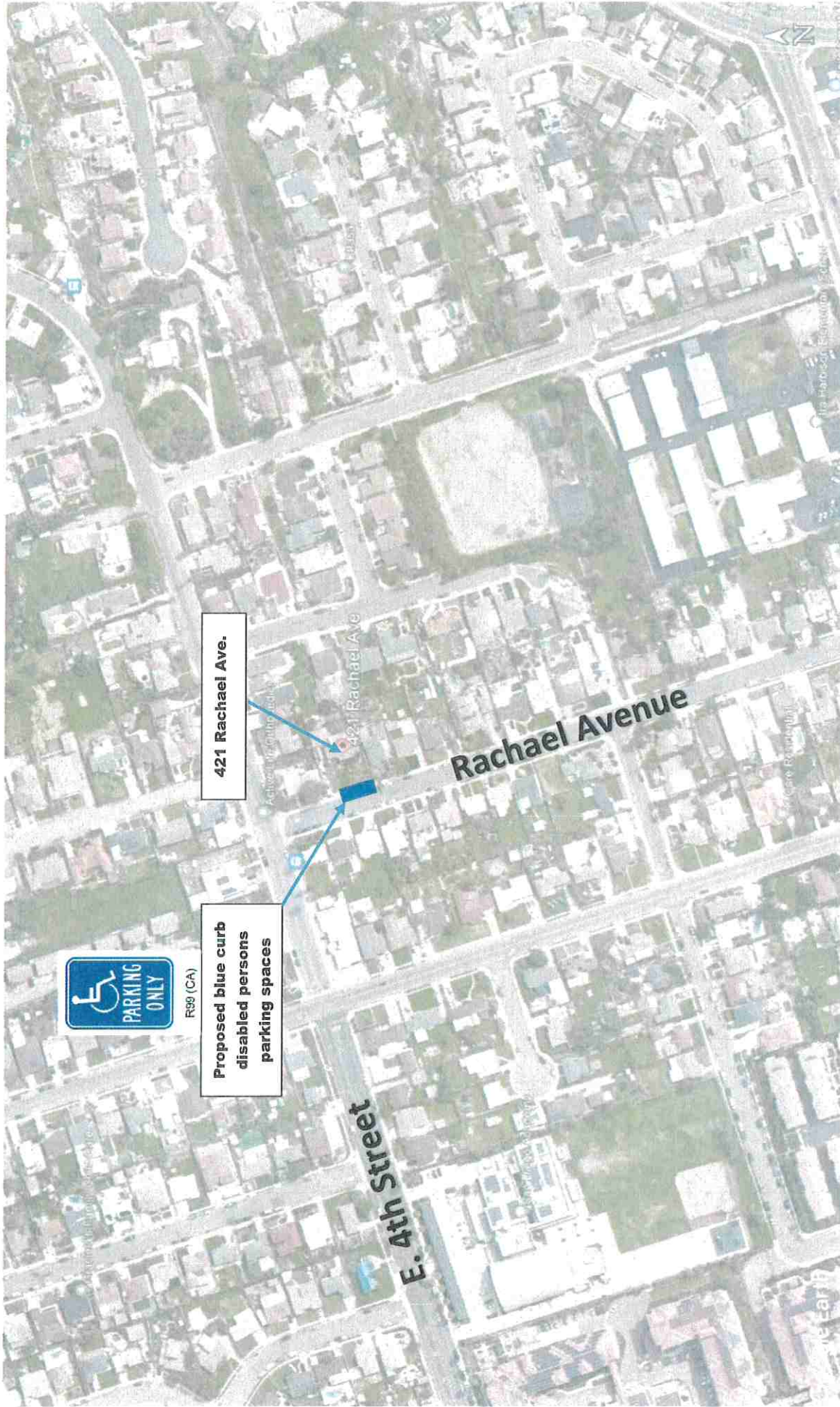
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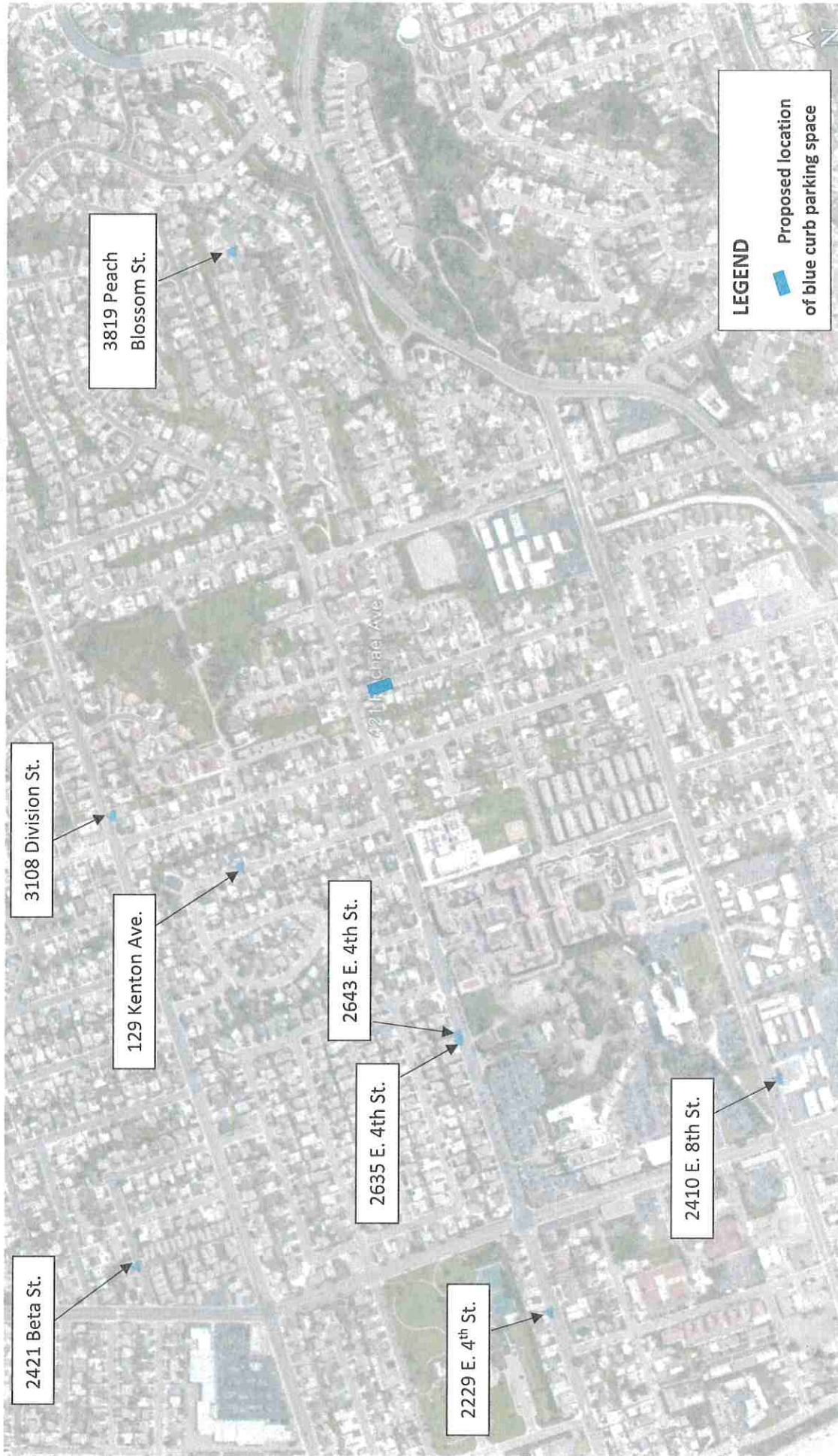


Exhibit A: Location Map with Recommended Enhancements (TSC Item: 2022-09)





# Exhibit B: Location Map Showing Existing Blue Curb Parking Spaces (TSC Item: 2022-09)







Location of proposed blue curb disabled persons parking space in front of 421 Rachael Ave (looking east)



Location of proposed blue curb disabled persons parking space in front of 421 Rachael Ave (looking south)





Photo of the driveway at 421 Rachael Ave (looking east)



Photo of the garage at 421 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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