



# AGENDA REPORT

**Department:** Engineering and Public Works  
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**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023  
**Approved by:** Brad Raulston, City Manager

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## **SUBJECT:**

Installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 140 W. Plaza Blvd.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, authorizing the installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 140 W. Plaza Blvd".

## **BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:**

The Traffic Safety Committee unanimously approved staff's recommendation for the installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 140 W. Plaza Blvd.

## **EXPLANATION:**

Mrs. Leticia Nunez Silva, resident of 140 W. Plaza Blvd, 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. The resident also stated that the driveway is too narrow for getting in and out of the car 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 residence has a driveway entrance and no garage. With permission and supervision, staff measured the driveway. The driveway is 35 feet long by 8.5 feet wide with negligible slope. The minimum dimensions for a 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 (see Exhibit) 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.

This item was presented to the Traffic Safety Committee on January 11, 2023. Staff sent notices to area residents inviting them to Zoom-in or call-in to the Traffic Safety Committee Meeting and/or contact staff with any questions. No one was in attendance to speak in support of the blue curb disabled persons parking space.

Staff presented the results of the site evaluation to the Traffic Safety Committee and after discussion, the Traffic Safety Committee voted to approve staff's recommendation to install a blue curb disabled persons parking space with sign, since all three conditions of the City Council Disabled Persons Parking Policy for "Special Hardship" cases are met.

The applicant for this request was informed that handicap 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 "B" for the location of existing blue curb disabled persons parking spaces within a 4-block radius from the proposed location for this request.

In addition, staff is developing a process to review the citywide disabled parking inventory on an annual basis to ensure that disabled parking spaces that are no longer necessary are removed.

If approved by City Council, all work will be performed by City Public Works.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

N/A

**RELATED CITY COUNCIL 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

Public Safety

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

This is not a project under CEQA and is therefore not subject to environmental review.CCR15378; PRC 21065.

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:**

Agenda Report posted within 72 hours of meeting date and time in accordance with Brown Act.

**ORDINANCE:**

Not Applicable

**EXHIBITS:**

Exhibit A – Location Map

Exhibit B – Location map showing existing blue curb parking spaces in the area

Exhibit C -Staff Report to the Traffic Safety Committee on January 11, 2023 (TSC No. 2023-01)

Exhibit D - Resolution