

**NATIONAL CITY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
AGENDA REPORT FOR JUNE 14, 2023**

**ITEM NO. 2023-07**

**ITEM TITLE:** **REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF A BLUE CURB DISABLED PERSONS PARKING SPACE WITH SIGNAGE IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE AT 117 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET**

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**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Marco Lopez, resident of 117 2nd 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. Lopez's residence has a driveway and a garage. The driveway between the apron and the manual gate is approximately 17 feet long by 11 feet wide with a slope of approximately 3.5% and the driveway between the manual gate and the garage is 52 feet long by 13 feet wide with a slope of approximately 4%-6% (see attached photos). 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. This condition is not met since the slope of the driveway exceeds the 2% slope. Furthermore, the dimension of the garage is too small to accommodate the vehicles with a disabled driver or passenger.

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.

**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 117 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**EXHIBITS:**

1. Public Request Form
2. Location Map
3. Location Map showing existing blue curb parking spaces in the area
4. Photos
5. City Council Disabled Persons Parking Policy

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

Name of Applicant: Marco A Lopez

Name of Disabled Person (if different from above): Marco A Lopez

Address: 117 2nd st

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: 6

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 I asked for parking, because 24 hr at day is no parking on st

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DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

PLACARD NUMBER:

DISABLED PERSON  
PLACARD IDENTIFICATION  
CARD/RECEIPT

EXPIRES: 06/30/2025

DATE ISSUED: 02/18/2023



This identification card or facsimile copy is to be carried by the placard owner. Present it to any peace officer upon demand. Immediately notify DMV by mail of any change of address. When parking, hang the placard from the rear view mirror, remove it from the mirror when driving.

TYPE: N1

TV: 92

CO: 37

DOB: /

ISSUED TO

LOPEZ MARCO ANTONIO  
117 E 2ND ST

NATIONAL CITY CA 91950

When your placard is properly displayed,  
you may park in or on:

- \* Disabled person parking spaces (blue zones)
- \* Street metered zones without paying.
- \* Green zones without restrictions to time limits.
- \* Streets where preferential parking privileges are given to residents and merchants.

You may not park in or on:

- \* Red, Yellow, White or Tow Away Zones.
- \* Crosshatch marked spaces next to disabled person parking spaces.

It is considered misuse to:

- \* Display a placard unless the disabled owner is being transported.
- \* Display a placard which has been cancelled or revoked.
- \* Loan your placard to anyone, including family members.

Purchase of fuel  
(Business & Professions Code 13660):

\* State law requires service stations to refuel a disabled person's vehicle at self-service rates, except self-service facilities with only one cashier.

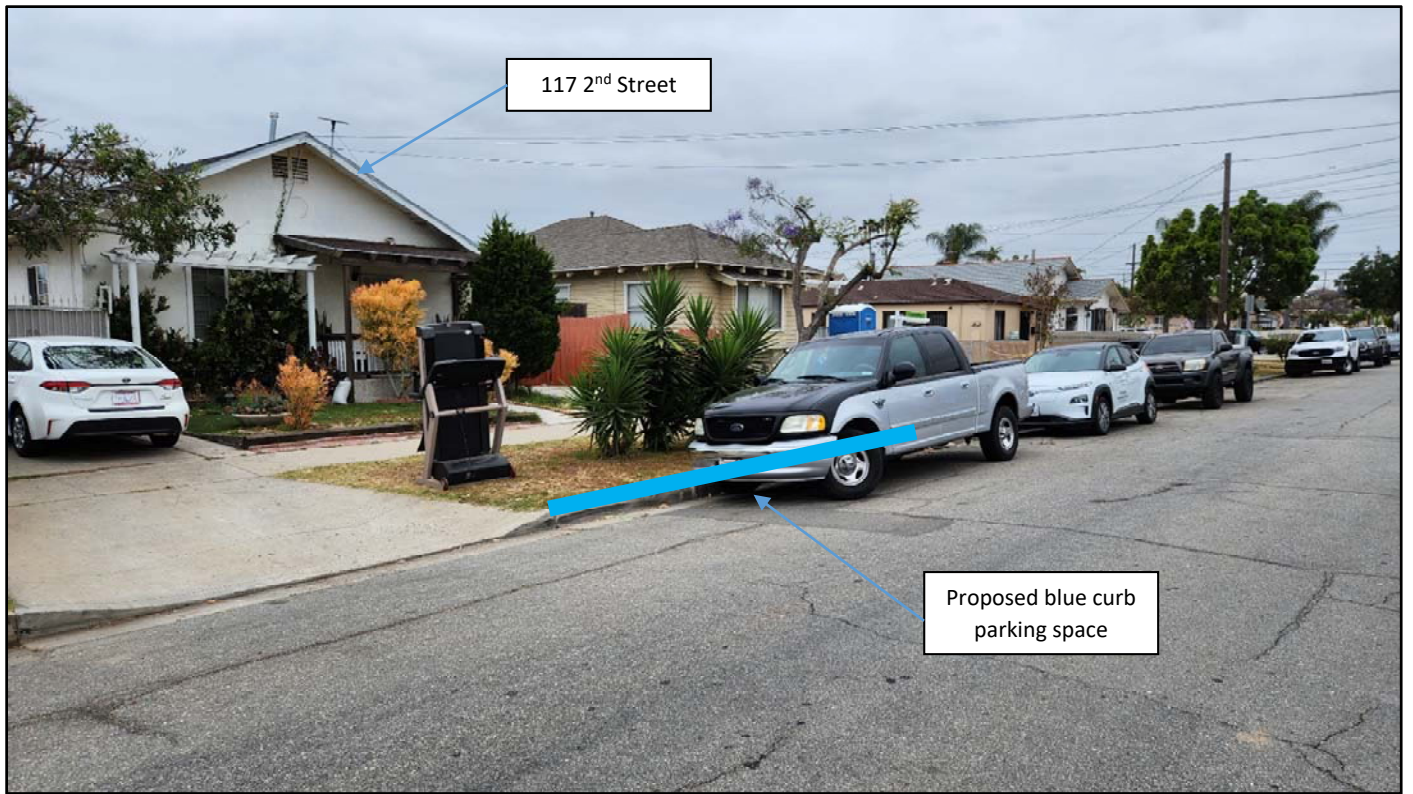


# Exhibit A: Location Map with Recommended Enhancements (TSC Item: 2023-07)



# Exhibit B: Location Map Showing Existing Blue Curb Parking Space (TSC Item: 2023-07)





Location of proposed blue curb disabled persons parking space in front of 117 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (Looking North)

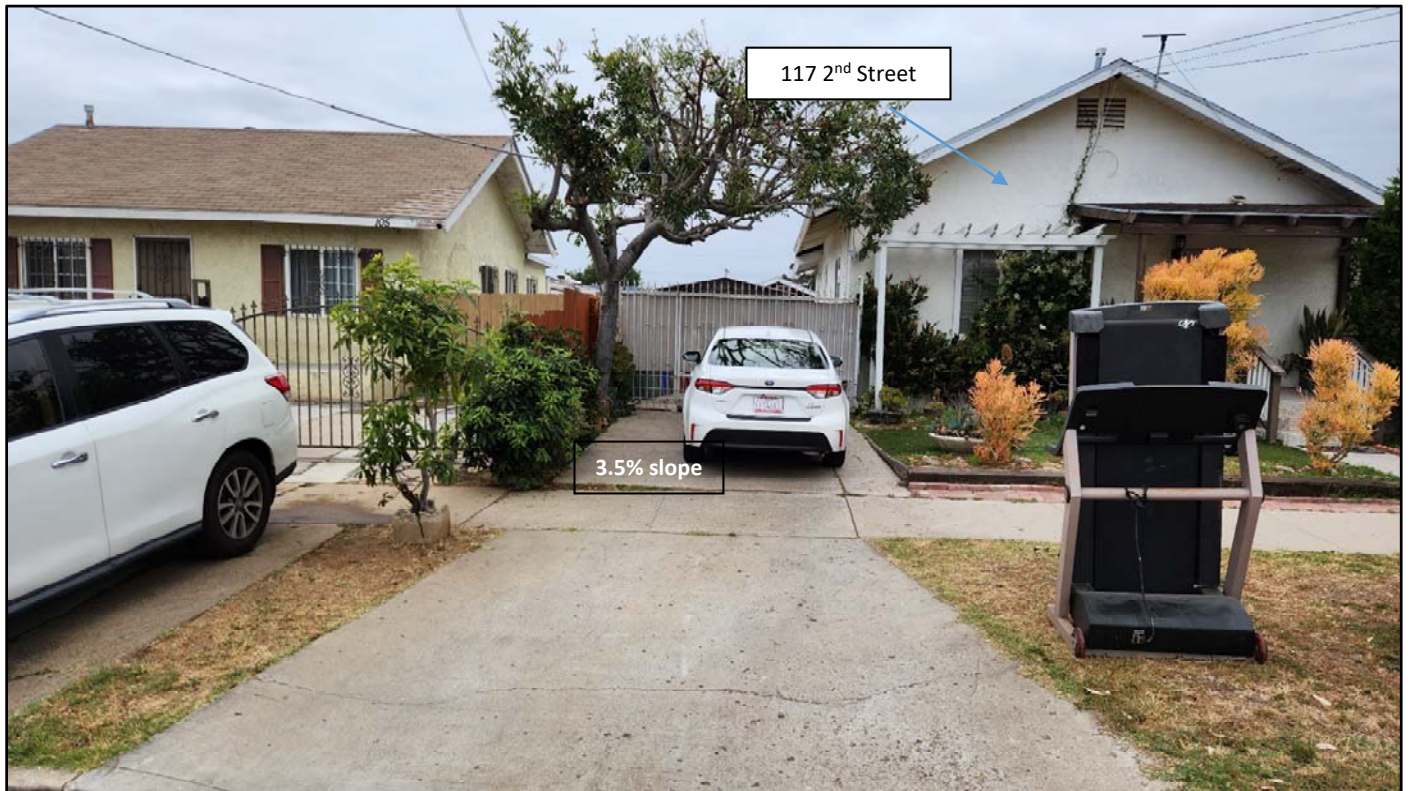


Photo of the driveway and manual gate at 117 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (Looking North-West)

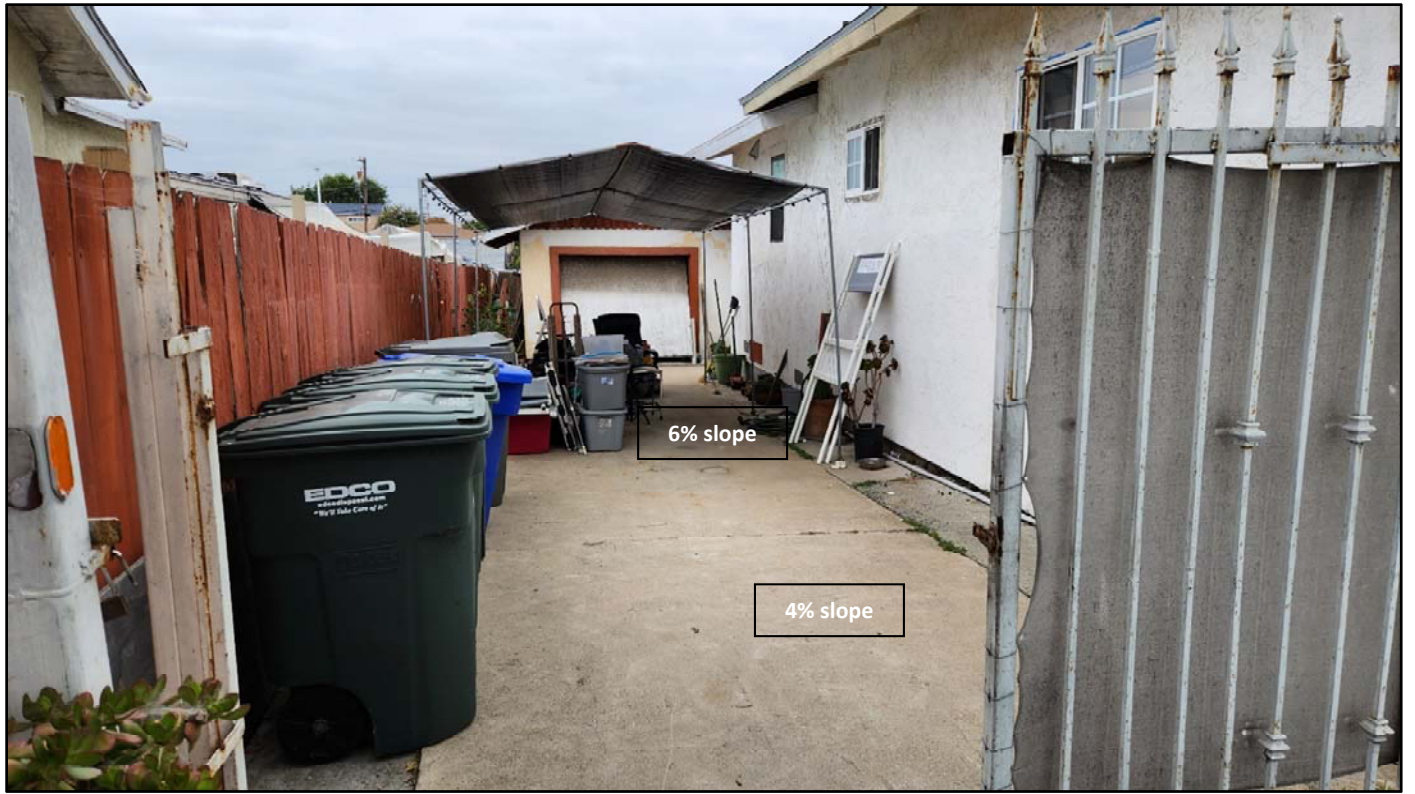


Photo of the driveway and garage at 117 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (Looking North-West)



## **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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