



AGENDA REPORT

Department: Engineering & Public Works
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Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2025
Approved by: Scott W. Huth, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT:

Installation of a Blue Curb Disabled Persons Parking Space with Signage in Front of the Residence at 402 Rachael Avenue.

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 402 Rachael Avenue.”

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:

At their meeting on August 13, 2025, 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 located at 402 Rachael Avenue.

EXPLANATION:

Ms. Petra Becerra, resident of 402 Rachael Avenue, has requested a blue curb disabled persons parking space in front of her residence. The residence is located at the southwest corner of Rachael Avenue and E. 4th Street. The resident possesses a valid disabled persons placard from the California Department of Motor Vehicles. Ms. Becerra stated that sometimes it is difficult for her to find parking in front of her residence; therefore, a disabled persons parking space in front of her residence would provide safer access to her house.

Staff visited the site and observed that the Ms. Becerra residence does not have a garage. While there is a driveway located at the west side of the property, there is no ADA accessible path of travel between the driveway and the house.

Currently, there is one existing on-street disabled persons parking space provided in the immediate vicinity of the area: 1) 405 Rachael Avenue (approved per TSC Item 2022-05). Per National City Disabled persons parking zone requirements, the total number of blue curb disabled persons parking spaces (including the proposed space in front of 402 Rachael Avenue) would not exceed 4% of the total number of on-street parking spaces available in the area.

Chapter 11.32.225 of the National City Municipal Code is used to evaluate requests for disabled persons parking spaces. The City’s Disabled persons parking zone 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”. The 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. The 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. While there is a driveway located at the west side of the property, there is no ADA accessible path of travel between the driveway and the house. Therefore, the condition is met.

This item was presented to the Traffic Safety Committee on August 13, 2025. Staff sent notices to the area residents inviting them to attend the Traffic Safety Committee Meeting and/or contact staff with any questions. Mrs. Becerra attended the meeting and spoke in support of establishing a blue curb disabled persons parking space in front of her residence.

Staff presented the results of the site evaluation to the Traffic Safety Committee and after discussion, the Traffic Safety Committee unanimously voted to approve the installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 402 Rachael Avenue.

The applicant was informed 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 disabled persons spaces.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The estimated cost to install the disabled persons parking space is approximately \$300. Funding is available within the Engineering & Public Works Streets Division maintenance and operations budget.

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:

The Agenda Report was posted at least 72 hours before the Regular Meeting date and time, and 24 hours before a Special Meeting in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

ORDINANCE:

Not Applicable

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A – Location Map
Exhibit B – Staff Report to TSC
Exhibit C – Resolution