

NATIONAL CITY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
AGENDA REPORT FOR AUGUST 13, 2025

ITEM NO. 2025-12

**ITEM TITLE:** REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF A BLUE CURB DISABLED PERSONS PARKING SPACE WITH SIGNAGE IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE AT 402 RACHAEL AVENUE

**PREPARED BY:** Carlos Perdomo, Engineering Technician – Civil  
Engineering & Public Works Department

**DISCUSSION:**

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 Ms. Becerra residence does not have a garage but does have a driveway. The driveway, however, is located at the west side of the property with no ADA accessible path of travel.

Currently, there is one existing on-street handicap 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. *Although there is usable off-street parking in the rear yard of the property, there is no ADA accessible path of travel. Therefore, the 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 the request.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Since all three conditions of the City's Disabled persons parking zone requirements for Special Hardship Cases is met, staff recommends the installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage.

**EXHIBITS:**

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



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

Name of Applicant: Petra R. Becerra

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

Address: 402 Rachael Ave National City CA 91950

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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\*\*\*CUSTOMER RECEIPT ONLY\*\*\*

EXPIRES:06/30/2027

\*\*\* D I S A B L E D P E R S O N P L A C A R D \*\*\*

DATE ISSUED: 05/22/2025

PLACARD NUMBER: F82109B

PIC: 1

TV: 92

MO/YR: GE

Becerra Petra R

DT FEES RECVD: 05/22/2025

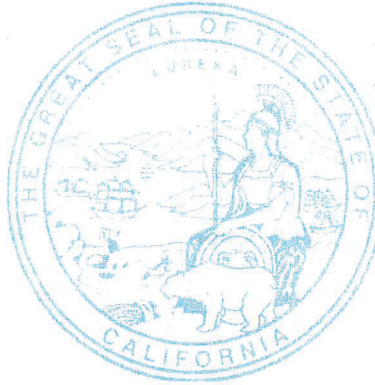
402 Rachael Ave

National City

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CO: 37



AMT DUE : NONE

AMT RECVD - CASH :

- CHCK :

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CASH BACK :

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DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES PLACARD IDENTIFICATION CARD/RECEIPT

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 PHONE OR MAIL OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS. WHEN PARKING, HANG THE PLACARD FROM THE REAR VIEW MIRROR. REMOVE IT WHEN DRIVING.

PLACARD#: [REDACTED]

PLACARD HOLDER:

Becerra Petra R

EXPIRES:

06/30/2027

402 Rachael Ave

DOB:

09/29/1954

ISSUED:

TYPE:

N1

National City

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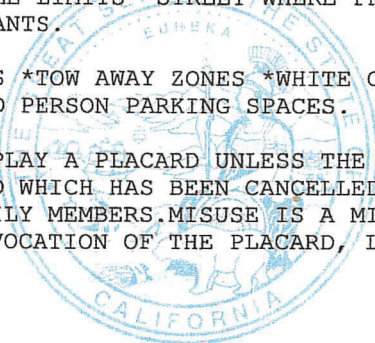
STATE LAW REQUIRES SERVICE STATIONS TO REFUEL A DISABLED PERSON'S VEHICLE AT SELF-SERVICE RATES, EXCEPT SELF-SERVICE FACILITIES WITH ONLY ONE CASHIER.

WHEN YOUR PLACARD IS PROPERLY DISPLAYED, YOU MAY PARK IN/ON:

\*DISABLED PERSON PARKING SPACES (BLUE ZONES) \*STREET METERED ZONES WITHOUT PAYING \*GREEN ZONES WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS TO TIME LIMITS \*STREET WHERE PREFERENTIAL PARKING PRIVILIGES ARE GIVEN TO RESIDENTS AND MERCHANTS.

YOU MAY NOT PARK IN/ON: RED ZONES \*TOW AWAY ZONES \*WHITE OR YELLOW ZONES \*SPACES MARKED BY CROSSHATCH LINES NEXT TO DISABLED PERSON PARKING SPACES.

IT IS CONSIDERED MISUSE: \*TO DISPLAY A PLACARD UNLESS THE DISABLED OWNER IS BEING TRANSPORTED \*TO DISPLAY A PLACARD WHICH HAS BEEN CANCELLED OR REVOKED \*TO LOAN YOUR PLACARD TO ANYONE, INCLUDING FAMILY MEMBERS. MISUSE IS A MISDEMEANOR (SECTION 4461VC) AND CAN RESULT IN CANCELLATION OR REVOCATION OF THE PLACARD, LOSS OF PARKING PRIVILEGES, AND/OR FINES.





August 7, 2025

RESIDENT/PROPERTY OWNER

Subject: TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (TSC) ITEM NO. 2025-12

**REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF A BLUE CURB DISABLED PERSONS  
PARKING SPACE WITH SIGNAGE IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE AT 402  
RACHAEL AVENUE.**

Dear Sir/Madame:

The City of National City would like to invite you to our next public Traffic Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 2:00 P.M.** in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Large Conference Room of the Civic Center Building, 1243 National City Boulevard, to discuss the above-referenced item.

The City Hall is ADA-compliant. There are two disabled persons parking spaces in front of City Hall on the east side of National City that provide direct access on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of City Hall via a pedestrian bridge.

If you have any questions, comments, and/or concerns, please contact the Engineering Department at 619-336-4380 and reference Traffic Safety Committee Item Number 2025-12.

Sincerely,

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Stephen Manganiello  
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

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Enclosure: Report

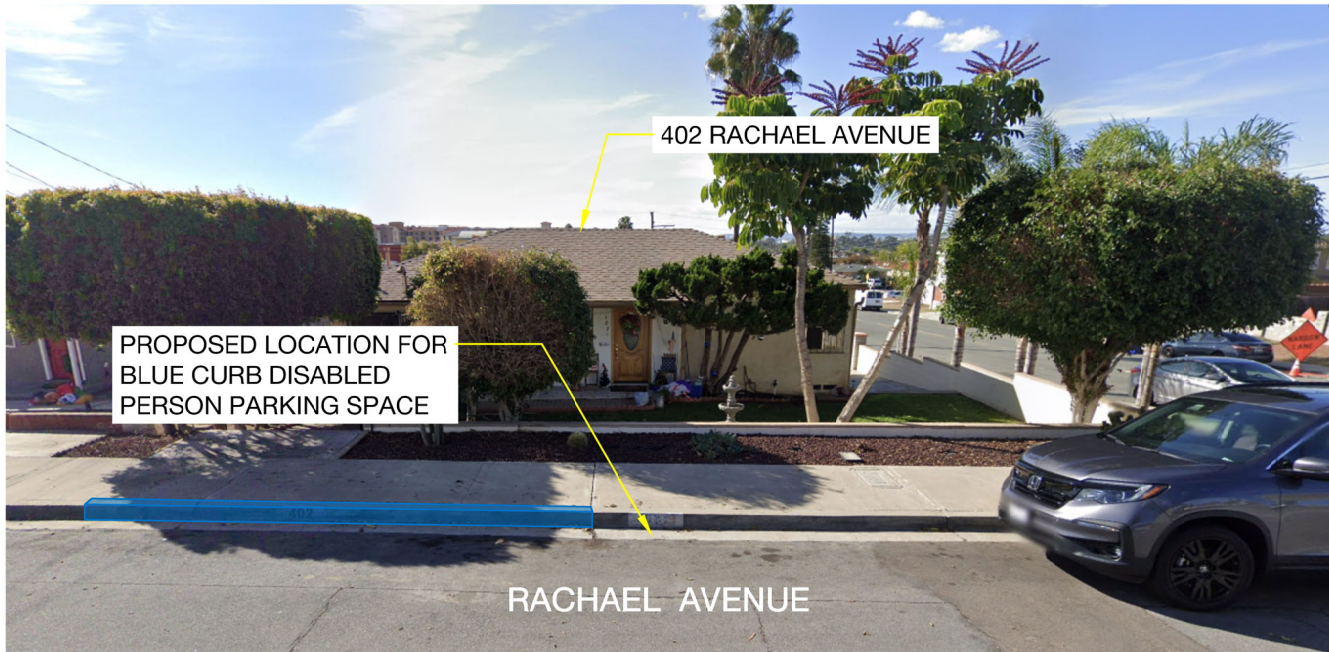
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# Exhibit A: Location Map with Recommended Enhancements (TSC Item: 2025-12)



# Exhibit B: Location Map Showing Existing Blue Curb Parking Spaces (TSC Item: 2025-12)





Location of proposed blue curb disabled person parking space in front of 402 Rachael Avenue (looking West)



Location of proposed blue curb disabled person parking space in front of 402 Rachael Avenue (looking North)

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4. Green means no stopping, standing or parking for longer than fifteen or thirty minutes, as marked or signed, at any time between seven a.m. and six p.m. of any day except Sundays and holidays, unless otherwise indicated on postage signage.
  5. Blue means parking reserved exclusively for disabled persons. Vehicles must display either a distinguishing license plate or placard issued pursuant to CVC Section 22511.5.B. When the Director of Public Works, as authorized under this title, has caused curb markings to be placed, no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle adjacent to any such legible curb marking in violation of any of the provisions of this section, and it is unlawful for any person not duly authorized, to paint or cause said curbs to be painted.
- (Ord. 827 § 71, 1951)

**11.32.200 Loading permitted—Effect.**

- A. Permission herein granted to stop or stand a vehicle for purposes of loading or unloading of materials applies only to commercial vehicles and shall not extend beyond the time necessary therefor, and in no event for more than twenty minutes.
- B. The loading or unloading of materials applies only to commercial deliveries, and the delivery or pickup of express and parcel post packages and United States mail.
- C. Permission herein granted to stop or park for purposes of loading or unloading passengers includes the loading or unloading of personal baggage but shall not extend beyond the time necessary therefor, and in no event for more than three minutes.
- D. Within the total time limits above specified the provisions of this section shall be enforced so as to accommodate necessary and reasonable loading or unloading but without permitting abuse of the privileges hereby granted.

(Ord. 827 § 72, 1951)

**11.32.210 Loading zone—Restrictions.**

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in any yellow loading zone for any purpose other than loading or unloading passengers or material for such time as is permitted in Section 11.32.200.

(Ord. 827 § 73, 1951)

**11.32.220 Passenger loading zone—Restrictions.**

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in any passenger loading zone for any purpose other than the loading or unloading of passengers for such time as is specified in Section 11.32.200.

(Ord. 827 § 74, 1951)

**11.32.225 Disabled persons parking zone—Authority—Designation.**

- A. The City Engineer is authorized to designate specially marked and posted on-street parking spaces for disabled persons pursuant to CVC 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.

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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.

B. General requirements.

1. 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).
2. Where installed under the above criteria the total number of disabled persons curb parking spaces will be limited to 4% of the total number of on-street parking spaces available in the area and shall be distributed uniformly within the area.
3. 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.
4. The cost of installing disabled persons parking, not initiated by public request, will be assumed by the City on public streets and public off-street parking facilities.
5. 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.
6. Applicant pays a one-time fee as determined by the City Engineer for recoverable costs related to installation and maintenance.

C. Special Hardship Cases.

1. 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:
  - a. Applicant (or guardian) must be in possession of valid license plates for "disabled persons" or "disabled veterans."
  - b. The proposed disabled parking space must be in front of the applicant's (or guardian's) place of residence.
  - c. Subject residence must not have useable off-street parking available or off-street space available that may be converted into disabled parking.