

City of Arts & Innovation

Transportation Board

TO: TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DATE: August 7, 2024

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

WARD: ALL

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ON-STREET RESIDENTIAL ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACE PROGRAM AND RESIDENT REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF ON-STREET ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACE NEAR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

ISSUE:

Consider the establishment of an accessible on-street residential parking space program and resident request for installation of on-street accessible parking space near residential property.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Transportation Board recommend that the City Council establish a proposed accessible residential on-street parking space program.

BACKGROUND:

The Public Works Department received a request for a residential on-street accessible parking space to be constructed in front of the property address of 3019 Brockton Avenue. The City has not established policies, guidelines, or criteria to review and process accessible on-street residential parking space requests.

DISCUSSION:

The Public Works Department received a request for an accessible on-street parking space to be constructed in front of a residential property. The subject property address does not have a driveway or parking garage and the resident must find an on-street parking space on Brockton Avenue. The establishment of an accessible residential on-street parking space program would allow the city to provide a designated parking space for disabled residents as a courtesy to assist those with disabilities and mobility concerns. The program would provide an established policy, guidelines, and criteria for requests. There are existing accessible on-street parking spaces within the city, serving businesses and schools, however a formal program has not been established to review and assess requests in residential neighborhoods. Further, the City is not legally required to provide an on-street parking space for persons with disabilities

near their residential property, and the City would have the sole discretion to approve or deny any request.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) provides design guidelines for the establishment of on-street accessible parking space via Standard Plan A90B. Within residential neighborhoods, it is anticipated the Restricted Right-of-Way Width option would be implemented at most locations based on existing conditions. As such, the resident request would take into consideration the nearest existing curb ramp to the property address to designate a proposed placement of the accessible on-street parking space. The resident request for an accessible on-street parking space at the property address of 3019 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501, would be installed utilizing the existing Caltrans Standard Plan A90B design guidelines. The accessible on-street parking space would be located at the corner of the 3000 Brockton Avenue block segment, southbound Brockton Avenue at Houghton Avenue (near property address 3007 Brockton Avenue) to access the existing curb ramp at the west corner of the intersection. The installation of the accessible on-street parking space will also result in additional parking restrictions between the curb ramp at the corner of the intersection and the parking space to provide a clear path from vehicle to curb ramp.

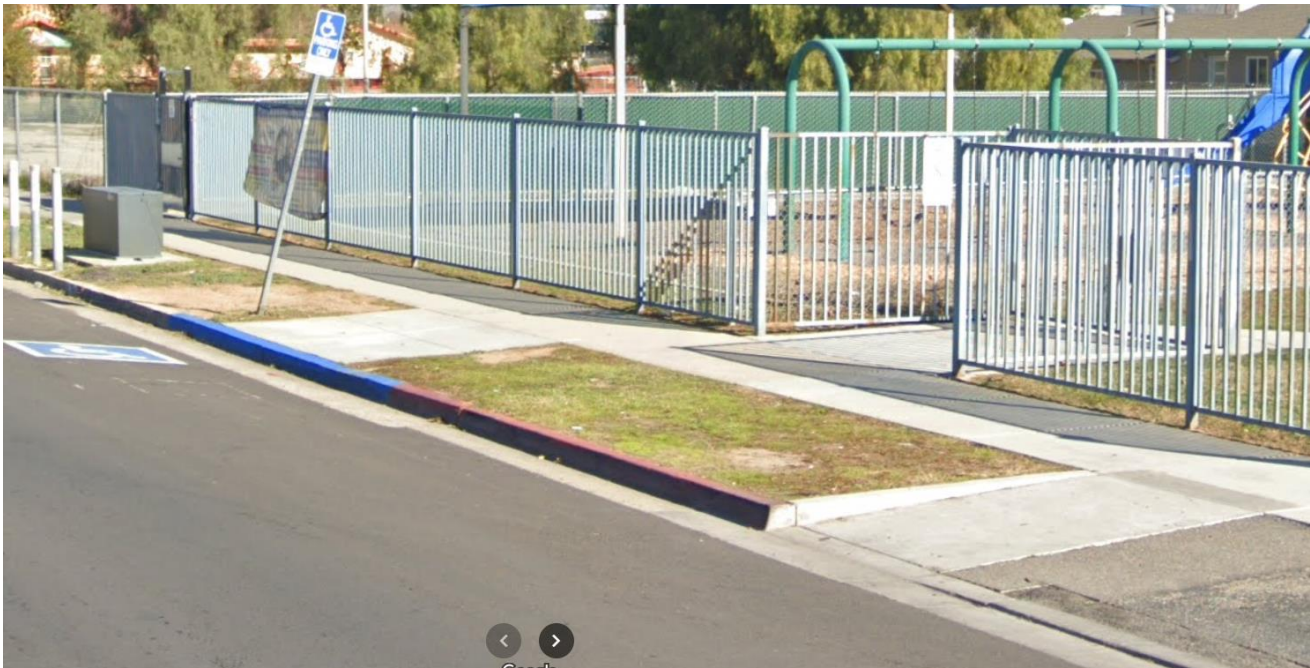


Figure 1: Existing accessible on-street parking space at Arlanza Elementary School

The program would require the applicant to demonstrate need for accessible on-street parking and certify that no existing on-street or off-street parking space meets the applicant's needs, or where no accessible path of travel is available from existing parking to the residence. If a resident demonstrates eligibility for the City to install an accessible parking space by satisfying the application and approval process, the City will have the ability to accommodate the resident request and install an accessible parking space within a residential designated public street. The application and approval process for a residential accessible on-street parking space will be a multi-step process. The application would be reviewed and investigated based on criteria set forth by the city, then presented to the Transportation Board for review and consideration.

If the Transportation Board approves the application, it would then be forwarded to a City Council meeting for review and consideration by the City Council. If the application is officially approved by the City Council, members of the Public Works Department will construct an accessible parking space near an available pedestrian ramp (likely at a street corner) as close to the applicant's residence as possible. If the resident wishes for a new ramp to be installed directly fronting their property, the appropriate permitting or reimbursement would need to be considered. A lack of sidewalk or other infrastructure in the neighborhood may make installation of an accessible stall infeasible. The accessible parking space would not be a private space, instead operate on a first-come first-serve basis since it will be installed within the public right of way and any person with a disability placard can utilize the accessible parking space. Additional guidance and criteria will be included in the program policy to clearly outline the information. Other California cities have established programs, and examples from the City of San Mateo and the City of Long Beach are attached for reference. Should the Transportation Board recommend approval of the accessible on-street parking program, staff will develop a finalized policy, guidelines and criteria specific to the City of Riverside.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This proposal is in alignment with Strategic Plan Goal 2.4, to "Support programs and innovations that enhance community safety, encourage neighborhood engagement, and build public trust." Additionally, the proposal relates to the cross-cutting threads as demonstrated below:

1. **Community Trust:** This project continues to support community involvement in seeking resolutions to ongoing neighborhood parking concerns and improving safety and quality of life within the neighborhood.
2. **Equity:** The establishment of a program would help reduce resident concerns of available accessible on-street parking spaces for residential use near their property to enhance mobility for the residents with disabled placards.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility:** Establishing a program would provide the City with an opportunity to review, standardize and approve all requests for residential accessible on-street parking space based on criteria set forth.
4. **Innovation:** The City does not currently have a residential accessible on-street parking space program to establish criteria for resident requests. This would allow the City to offer a service that was previously denied because of a lack of policy and guidelines.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency:** The construction of an accessible on-street parking space may be maintained by the Public Works Department and incorporate permanent materials. Additionally, the sign and post may be relocated to another location if the accessible on-street parking space is no longer required to be maintained in its originally approved parking space.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of materials and labor for the construction of the accessible parking space includes painting the curb blue, the installation of the International Symbol of Access (ISA) pavement marking and parking sign, R99C(CA). The construction cost would include the initial installation cost and the annual maintenance costs, as estimated by the Public Works Department, to be roughly \$500.00 and \$250.00 respectively. Funding is available in the existing Public Works,

General Fund, Streets Maintenance Division, Signing Supplies account number 4110100-424143, to cover this cost.

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Attachments:

1. Initial 3019 Brockton Avenue Property Owner Email Request
2. Site Map
3. Aerial Map
4. Caltrans Standard Plan A90B – On-Street Accessible Parking Space Options
5. City of Long Beach, California – Example Guidelines and Application
6. City of San Mateo – Example Guidelines and Application
7. Power Point Presentation