



**AGENDA OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE NATIONAL CITY  
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023 AT 1:00 P.M.**

**CITY HALL  
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM  
1243 NATIONAL CITY BOULEVARD  
NATIONAL CITY, CA 91950**

- \* CALL TO ORDER
- \* PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- \* ROLL CALL
- \* APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 11, 2023

**PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATION** (Three-Minute Time Limit)

Note: Pursuant to State Law, items requiring Committee action must be brought back on a subsequent Committee agenda unless they are of a demonstrated emergency or urgent nature.

**OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

GENERAL INFORMATION

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1. ITEM NO. 2023-03

REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF A BLUE CURB DISABLED PERSONS PARKING SPACE WITH SIGNAGE IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE AT 325 HARBISON AVENUE

BY: MARK ERMITA

2. ITEM NO. 2023-04

REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF A BLUE CURB DISABLED PERSONS PARKING SPACE WITH SIGNAGE IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE AT 444 RACHAEL AVENUE

BY: VIOLETA REYES

3. ITEM NO. 2023-05

REQUEST TO INSTALL 32 FEET OF LOADING AND UNLOADING SIGNAGE VALID FRIDAYS FROM 8 A.M. TO 2 P.M. IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH "IGLESIA METODISTA LIBRE EMANUEL" LOCATED AT 2529 "D" AVENUE

BY: JOE MENDOZA

4. ITEM NO. 2023-06

ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON VARIOUS NATIONAL CITY ROADWAYS BASED ON CERTIFIED ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEYS

BY: STEVE MANGANIELLO

**FUTURE ITEMS**

1. Traffic Safety Committee Bylaws

**STAFF REPORTS**

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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MINUTES of a REGULAR MEETING  
of the NATIONAL CITY TRAFFIC  
SAFETY COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2023 at 1:00 P.M.

**I CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chairman Ryan Whipple called the meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee to order at 1:02 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2023, via Zoom Meeting.

**II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III ROLL CALL**

**Committee Members Present:** Ryan Whipple, Chris Coyote, Marisa Rosales, Kelly Piper, Cynthia Fuller Quinonez

**Committee Members Absent:** None

**Officials Present:** Luca Zappiello – Assistant Civil Engineer; Ricardo Rodriguez – Assistant Civil Engineer, Tirza Gonzales – Management Analyst II, Evelyn Nunez-Executive Assistant.

**IV APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM October 12, 2022**

Motion by Coyote, 2nd by Quinonez to approve the Minutes from the meeting of October 12, 2022.

Carried by vote 5-0

**V PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATION: (Three-Minute Time Limit)**

NONE

**OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**VI NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Whipple, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Coyote to approve to move items out of order to now be 2023-01, 2023-02, due to the public's attendance of items.

Carried by unanimous vote, 5-0.

1. ITEM NO. 2023-01

REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF A BLUE CURB DISABLED PERSONS PARKING SPACE WITH SIGNAGE IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE AT 140 W. PLAZA BLVD

BY: AREA RESIDENT.

Member to the public was, present to speak on behalf of this item.

Luca Zappiello, Assistant Engineer– Civil, provided the staff report for this item.

Committee Members discussed the item. There was no public opposition to this item.

Action: Motion by Rosales, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Piper, to approve staff recommendation for installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 140 W. Plaza Blvd.

Carried by unanimous vote, 5-0.

2. ITEM NO. 2023-02

REQUEST TO INSTALL RED CURB “NO PARKING” AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE ALLEY BETWEEN E.6<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND E. 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET WITH “M” AVENUE IN ORDER TO ENHANCE SAFETY AND VISIBILITY FOR DRIVERS WHEN EXITING THE ALLEY ONTO “M” AVENUE.

BY: RESIDENT OWNER

Resident was present to speak on behalf of this item

Luca Zappiello, Assistant Engineer– Civil, provided the staff report for this item.

Committee Members discussed the item. There was no public opposition to this item.

Action: Motion by Rosales, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Quinonez, to approve installation of Re curb “NO PARKING” at the intersection of the alley between 6<sup>th</sup> Street & E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street with “M” Avenue.

Carried by unanimous vote, 5-0

**VII OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**IX FUTURE ITEMS**

1. Traffic Safety Committee Bylaws

**X STAFF REPORTS**

- Mr. Whipple requested staff update for tree removal at 635-637 M Avenue.
- Citywide speed survey report (in progress) results will be sent to TSC.

**XI COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Safety Evaluation for Dahlia Drive/ Division, D Ave/ Division and N. Highland/Eta Street (waiting for the citywide speed survey results).
- Mrs. Quinonez stated that Mr. Zachary Gomez was going to contact Mr. Zappiello on the lighting issues on E. 8th Street.

**XII ADJOURNMENT 1:53 P.M.**

Action: Motion by Rosales, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Quinonez to adjourn to the next regularly scheduled Traffic Safety Committee meeting on February 08, 2023 at 1:00p.m via Zoom meeting.

Carried by unanimous vote, 5-0

**NATIONAL CITY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
AGENDA REPORT FOR APRIL 12, 2023**

**ITEM NO. 2023-03**

**ITEM TITLE:** REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF A BLUE CURB DISABLED PERSONS PARKING SPACE WITH SIGNAGE IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE AT 325 HARBISON AVENUE

**PREPARED BY:** Ricardo Rodriguez, Assistant Engineer – Civil Engineering & Public Works Department

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Mark Ermita, resident of 325 Harbison Avenue, 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 there are 4 vehicles in the household and the driveway can only accommodate one vehicle. The resident also mentioned the garage is currently being used for storage.

Staff visited the site and observed that Mr. Ermita's residence has a driveway and garage. With permission and supervision, staff measured the driveway and garage. The driveway is approximately 20 feet long by 10.5 feet wide and the garage is 10 feet wide. 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. This condition is not met since the dimensions of the driveway and garage do not meet the minimum parking requirements for disabled persons.

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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 325 Harbison Avenue.

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REMOVE FROM MIRROR BEFORE DRIVING VEHICLE

**CALIFORNIA**



"WARNING: The illegal use of a disabled parking placard could result in a maximum fine of \$4,200."

**PARKING PLACARD**



**DISABLED PERSON**

**EXPIRES JUNE 30**

**2025**

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**PURCHASE OF FUEL (Business & Professions Code 13660)**  
State law requires service stations to refuel a disabled person's vehicle at self-service rates, except at service facilities with only one employee on duty.

# Exhibit A: Location Map with Recommended Enhancements (TSC Item: 2023-03)

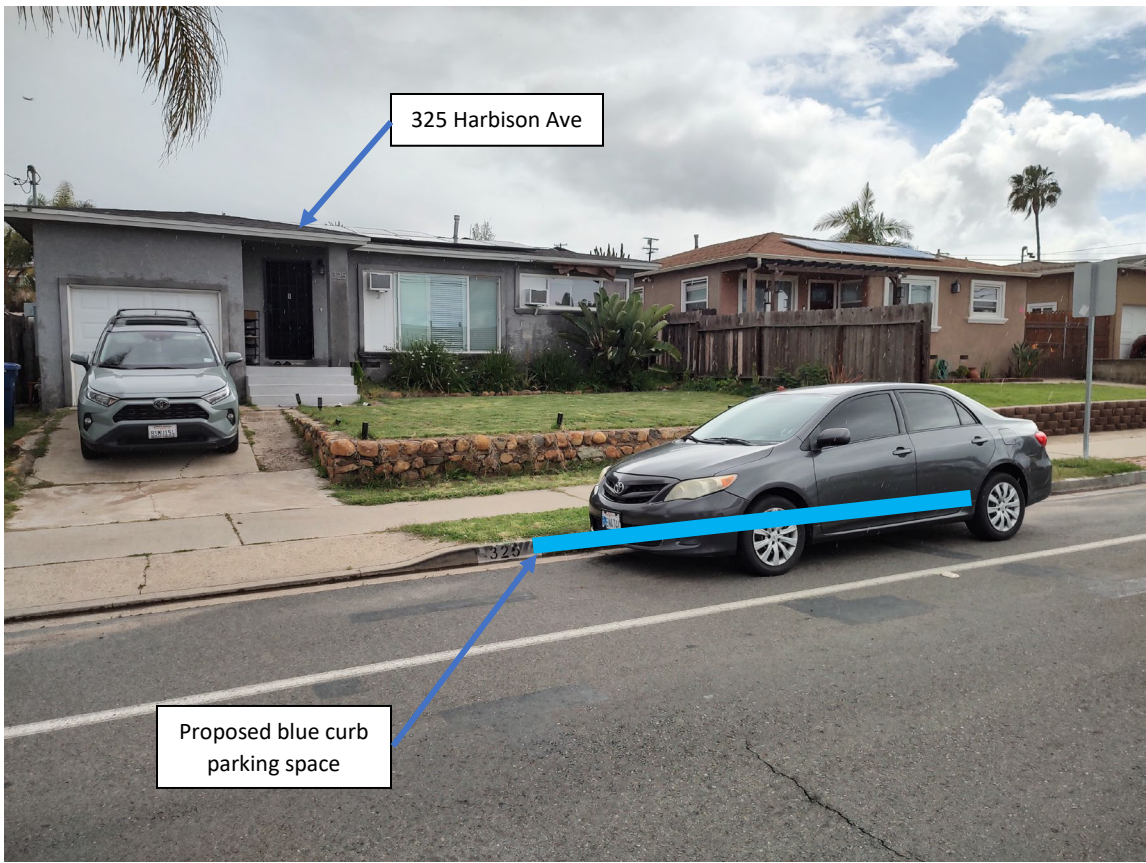




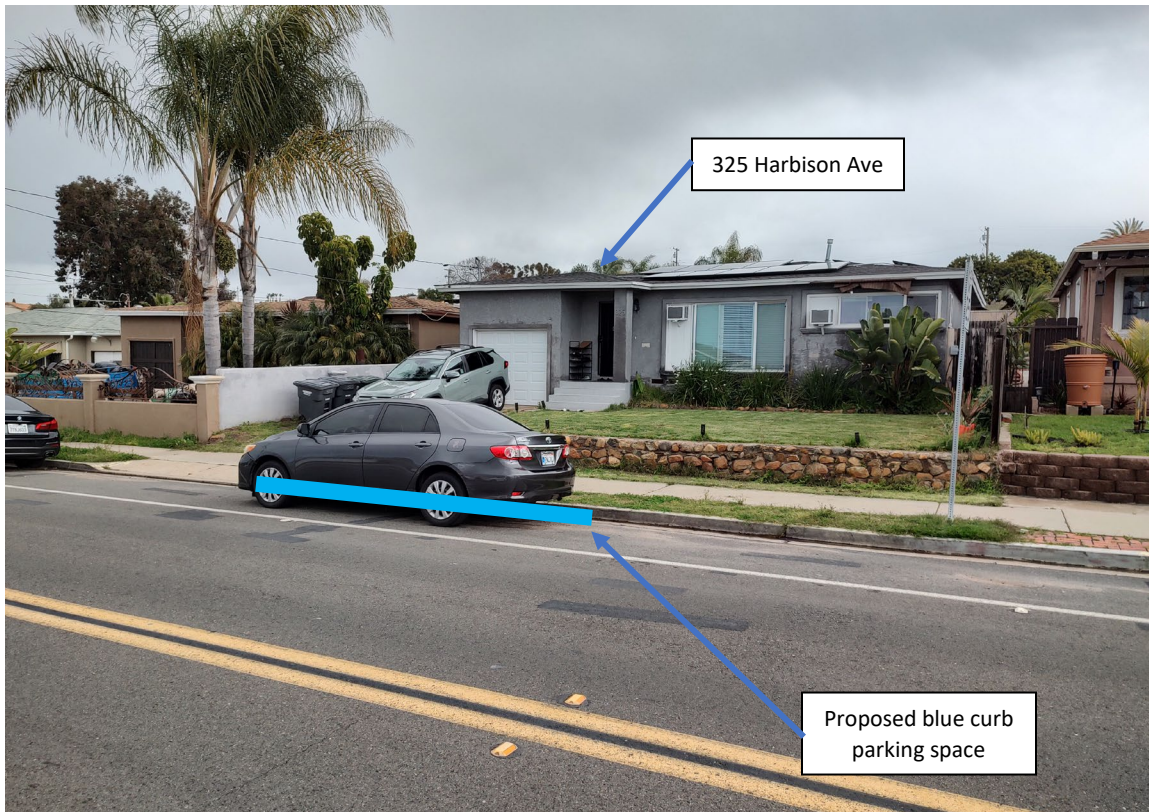
# Exhibit B: Location Map Showing Existing Blue Curb Parking Space (TSC Item: 2023-03)







Location of proposed blue curb disabled persons parking space in front of 325 Harbison Ave (Looking East)



Location of proposed blue curb disabled persons parking space in front of 325 Harbison Ave (Looking North-East)

## **DISABLED PERSONS PARKING POLICY**

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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.
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### **General Requirements**

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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.

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- (2) The proposed disabled parking space must be in front of the applicant's (or guardian's) place of residence.

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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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**NATIONAL CITY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
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**ITEM NO. 2023-04**

**ITEM TITLE:** **REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF A BLUE CURB DISABLED PERSONS PARKING SPACE WITH SIGNAGE IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE AT 444 RACHAEL AVENUE**

**PREPARED BY:** Ricardo Rodriguez, Assistant Engineer – Civil Engineering & Public Works Department

**DISCUSSION:**

Mrs. Violeta Reyes, resident of 444 Rachael Avenue, 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 parking in the street is currently limited and that presents a hardship.

Staff visited the site and observed that Mrs. Reyes' residence has a driveway and garage. With permission and supervision, staff measured the driveway and garage. The driveway is approximately 20 feet long by 10 feet wide and the garage is 10 feet wide. 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. This condition is not met since the dimensions of the driveway and garage do not meet the minimum parking requirements for disabled persons.

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Request for Blue Curb Disabled Persons Parking Space

Name of Applicant: VIOLETA E. REYES

Name of Disabled Person (if different from above):

Address: 444 RACHOEL AVENUE NATIONAL CITY CA 91950

Email:

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)?

[X] 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?

[X] YES [ ] NO

If answered YES, is the garage large enough to park a vehicle (minimum of 20' x 12')?

[ ] YES [X] NO

3. Does your residence have a driveway?

[X] 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')?

[X] YES [ ] NO

b. Is the driveway level?

[ ] YES [ ] NO

c. Is the driveway sloped/inclined?

[ ] YES [ ] NO

Additional comments PARKING IS LIMITED AND PRESENTS A HARDSHIP

Blank lines for additional comments



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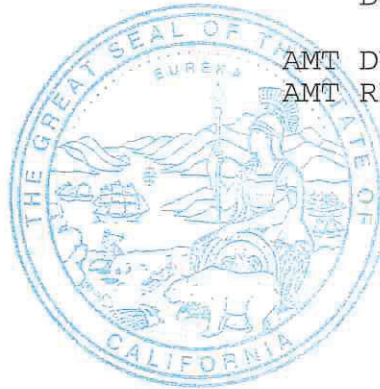
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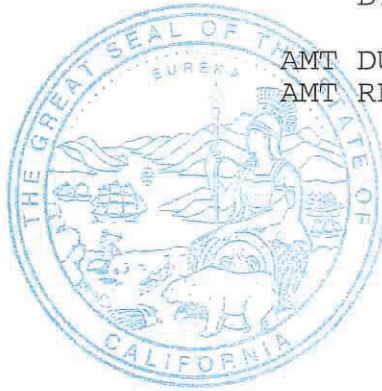
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NOTE: It must be emphasized that such parking spaces do not constitute "personal reserved parking" and that any person with valid "disabled persons" license plates may park in the above stalls.

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**NATIONAL CITY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
AGENDA REPORT FOR APRIL 12, 2023**

**ITEM NO. 2023-05**

**ITEM TITLE:** REQUEST TO INSTALL 32 FEET OF LOADING AND UNLOADING SIGNAGE VALID FRIDAYS FROM 8 A.M. TO 2 P.M. IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH "IGLESIA METODISTA LIBRE EMANUEL" LOCATED AT 2529 "D" AVENUE

**PREPARED BY:** Luca Zappiello, Assistant Engineer - Civil Engineering & Public Works Department

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Joe Mendoza, representative of the Church "Iglesia Metodista Libre Emanuel" (Church) located at 2529 "D" Avenue, has requested the installation of loading and unloading signage in front of the Church valid Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mr. Mendoza stated that Feeding San Diego delivers supplies to the Church every Friday. Since the on-street parking spaces in front of the Church are occupied by vehicles, the delivery truck has to park on the adjacent red curb "No Parking" located north of the Church, creating visibility and safety issues for vehicles exiting Orrell Drive and for vehicles traveling northbound on "D" Avenue. Mr. Mendoza stated that the installation of loading and unloading signage in front of the Church would allow the delivery truck to park in front of the Church to facilitate unloading operations and improve safety and visibility for the vehicles traveling by the Church.

Staff visited the site and verified that the Church is located on the east side of "D" Avenue, north of 26<sup>th</sup> Street. The Church has one off-street parking lot located on the east side of the Church and two driveway aprons located on the north and south side of the Church at D Avenue (see location map). Staff measured the curb in front of the Church and determined that there are 32 feet of unrestricted on-street parking. The on-street parking in the area is heavily utilized by residents living in the area.

Staff notified the Church representatives to attend the Traffic Safety Committee Meeting and/or contact staff with any questions.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Based on evaluation of existing conditions, staff recommends the installation of 32 feet of loading and unloading signage in front of the Church valid Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. This will result in the loss of one (1) on-street parking space.

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

**EXHIBITS:**

1. Correspondence
2. Public Notice
3. Location Map
4. Photos

## Luca Zappiello

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**From:** Joe Mendoza [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 10:22 AM  
**To:** Luca Zappiello  
**Subject:** Re: Public Request: Ministry of Jerusalem

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

Thank you for your help Luca, the only thing now is a no parking on Fridays 8am to 2pm. This would help avoid vehicle parked in this area as we attend the community

# Location Map with Recommended Enhancements (TSC Item: 2023-05)







Location of proposed loading and unloading signage (looking north)



Location of proposed loading and unloading signage (looking east)

**NATIONAL CITY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
AGENDA REPORT FOR APRIL 12, 2023**

**ITEM NO. 2023-06**

**ITEM TITLE:** **ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON VARIOUS NATIONAL CITY ROADWAYS BASED ON CERTIFIED ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEYS**

**PREPARED BY:** Luca Zappiello, Assistant Engineer – Civil Engineering & Public Works Department

**DISCUSSION:**

Section 22357 of the State of California Vehicle Code (CVC) permits local authorities, by ordinance, to establish speed limits greater than the prima facie speed limit of 25 miles per hour (mph) when, on the basis of an engineering and traffic survey (E&TS), the local authority determines that a speed greater than 25 mph would facilitate the orderly movement of vehicular traffic and would be reasonable and safe. Section 627 of the CVC and Section 2B.13 of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA-MUTCD) outline the following criteria to be considered as part of conducting an E&TS:

- 1) Prevailing speeds as determined by traffic engineering measurements.
- 2) Accident Records.
- 3) Highway, traffic, and roadside conditions not readily apparent to the driver.
- 4) Residential Density.
- 5) Safety of bicyclists and pedestrians, with increased consideration for vulnerable pedestrian groups including children, seniors, persons with disabilities, users of personal assistive mobility devices, and the unhoused.

The process begins with establishing speed zones to protect the public from the unreasonable behavior of reckless, unreliable, or otherwise dangerous drivers. Speed zones are also established to advise drivers of road conditions or hazards that may not be readily apparent to a reasonable driver. For that reason, a field review of related road/traffic variables is conducted which considers the analytical data and accident history of a particular roadway segment to determine a safe and reasonable speed limit. Next the criteria listed above in combination with other factors such as 85th percentile speed, pace, and incremental changes in speeds from one zone to the next, are analyzed using the methodologies established in the CVC and CA-MUTCD to recommend speed limits.

The CVC and CA-MUTCD recommend establishing speed limits at or near the 85th percentile speed, which is defined as the speed at or below which 85 percent of traffic is moving during free-flow conditions. Speed limits may, however, be established below the 85th percentile speed (within specified thresholds) if conditions are met for criteria 2) through 5) above. Speed limits established on this basis conform to the consensus of those who drive on the roadways as to what speed is reasonable and safe, and are not dependent on the judgment of one or a few individuals.

E&TS must be completed and certified by a registered professional Civil or Traffic Engineer at least once every 5, 7 or 14 years, in compliance with CVC Section 40802, to re-evaluate non-statutory speed limits on local roadways and allow for enforcement using radar, laser or other electronic devices. The previous Citywide E&TS for National City were completed in 2017. Recommended speed limits were subsequently adopted by City Council via ordinance in December 2017 and physically posted on the roadways by City Public Works crews shortly thereafter. Since over five years have passed, the National City Engineering & Public Works Department authorized STC Traffic (through an "On-Call" Professional Engineering Services contract) to conduct new E&TS for all Arterial and Collector roadways identified in the National City General Plan Circulation Element.

STC Traffic completed the E&TS in April 2023, in accordance with the procedures established by Section 2B.13 of the CA-MUTCD and consistent with all applicable provisions of the CVC. STC Traffic will support City staff with a formal presentation to the Traffic Safety Committee summarizing regulations and guidelines; methodology for establishing speed limits; locations surveyed and factors considered; survey results; and recommendations for either maintaining, increasing, or decreasing current speed limits.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends establishing speed limits consistent with the findings and recommendations from the engineering and traffic surveys completed in April 2023 as presented to the Traffic Safety Committee.

**EXHIBITS:**

None attached – formal presentation with handouts to be provided to the Traffic Safety Committee at the meeting