

Title: ADA Parking Space – 100 Fayetteville Street
Meeting Date: July 1, 2025
Meeting Type: City Council Meeting - First Tuesday - Afternoon & Evening Sessions
Department: Transportation
Sponsor: Charles Howard

Agenda Content:

Tony Howard, Transportation

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It is recommended that a designated ADA Parking Space be established along the east side of the 100 block of Fayetteville Street.

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In February 2025, City Council heard from Dr. Hugo Uyttenhove, Director of the Raleigh Lace Museum, regarding concerns about accessibility for disabled guests visiting the Museum. In response, Transportation staff coordinated an on-site meeting with representatives from both the Transportation Department and the Downtown Raleigh Alliance to better understand the Museum’s needs.

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Two key concerns were identified during the visit: the need for a designated ADA parking space adjacent to the Museum, and the need for a safe area where buses transporting guests could load and unload near the facility.

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Following this meeting, Transportation staff conducted a comprehensive review of the area. Although an existing ADA space was identified on the southwest corner of Fayetteville and Hargett Streets (in front of the former CVS), staff determined that this location would present an undue hardship for Museum visitors due to its distance. As a result, staff recommends the establishment of a new designated ADA parking space on the 100 block of Fayetteville Street, at the northeast corner of its intersection with Hargett Street—immediately adjacent to the Museum.

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To address the second concern, staff reviewed nearby loading options and identified an existing shared-use zone on the south side of the 00 block of East Hargett Street,

currently designated as a Commercial Loading Zone during the day and a Taxi Zone in the evening. Rather than remove additional on-street parking to create a new loading area, staff recommends modifying this existing zone to a 24/7 Mixed-Use Loading Zone. This change would preserve loading access for nearby businesses while also providing a convenient and accessible location for buses serving the Museum.

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All affected property owners including the Museum were duly notified of this proposed change and provided two weeks to respond with any concerns. Doctor Uyttenhove reached out and was fully supportive of staff's proposal, and was pleased with staff's willingness and desires to ensure accessibility to this corridor. No other responses were received.

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The proposed parking restrictions would result in the modification of a standard Metered Parking Space to an ADA Accessible Parking Space, as well as the conversion of a Commercial Loading/Taxi Zone to a Mixed-Use Loading Zone. The proposed ADA parking space and revised loading zone should meet the Museum's accessibility and group transportation needs.

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Upon approval, the Traffic Schedule should be amended effective seven days after Council action.

Recommended Action: Authorize the changes in the Traffic Schedule included with the agenda materials.