



# DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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## MINUTES

### Standing Committee on Parking Meeting

Location: Virtual via Zoom and 1010 Richards Street, Room 118

Date: March 9, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Summer Kozai, Chairperson; Pauline Aughe, Violet Horvath, Gerald Ohta, Charlotte Townsend, Board Members; Kirby Shaw, Bryan Mick, Curtis Motoyama, Romala Sue Radcliffe, Staff

- I. Chairperson Summer Kozai called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
- II. Committee members and staff introduced themselves.
- III. Chairperson Summer Kozai reported no public testimony was submitted.
- IV. The Committee approved the January 18, 2023, meeting minutes (M/S/P Horvath/Townsend).
- V. Old Business

A. Parking Placard Issuance Statistics

Bryan Mick reported that in the first two months of quarter three of fiscal year 2023, around four thousand six hundred (4,600) placards were issued. Two hundred thirty (230) special license plates were reauthorized or issued. Of the placards, one thousand two hundred (1,200) were temporary and three thousand four hundred (3,400) were long term. DCAB issued one thousand four hundred (1,400) long term placards and nineteen (19) Disabled Paid Parking Exemption Permits (DPPEP). The placard renewal rate was fifty seven percent (57%).

B. Email Notification to Permittees of Pending Parking Permit Expirations

DCAB emailed six hundred ninety-two (692) permittees to notify them of their pending permit expirations.

C. Procurement of Parking Placards and Decals

The procurement process for Year 2030 and all month decals is ongoing.

D. Death Records Crossmatch and Parking Permit Retrieval

Estates of the four thousand three hundred forty four (4,344) deceased permittees were contacted by mail. As of March 1, 2023, forty percent (40%)

of the placards were returned. Eight percent (8%) of the placards were reported as lost and fourteen percent (14%) of the letters were returned back to DCAB as undeliverable.

E. Public Education Efforts

Webpage for Reporting Placard or Access Aisle Abuse

Four (4) inquiries were submitted through the webpage to report abuse of a disability parking permit.

Webpage for Reporting Non-Design Compliant Accessible Spaces

No submissions were made to the webpage. Bryan Mick suggested ways of raising the public's awareness of this issue and the webpage. DCAB will contact the Star-Advertiser's Kokua Line column and DCAB will notify all permittees who have e-mail contacts listed in the DCAB database.

F. Van Accessible Spaces

Request State and local governments to increase the number of accessible and or van accessible parking spaces at their facilities

The letter asking for more accessible parking spaces at State parking facilities was signed by DCAB's Chairperson, Violet Horvath, and sent to Governor Green. A motion was passed to send a similar letter to the Mayors of the four (4) counties (M/S/P Townsend/Ohta).

Voluntary Informational Signs for Van Accessible Spaces at Places of Public Accommodation

The Committee members selected a design for a "priority side lift or ramp equipped vehicle" sign. The voluntary installation of the informational sign is for ADA Titles II and III entities to purchase and install on their existing sign poles or wall at the front of van accessible parking spaces. The "Park with Aloha" sign urges permittees who do not have a side ramp or lift to not park in the van accessible space unless it's the only available accessible space. The high resolution artwork will be posted on DCAB's website and businesses will be notified.

DCAB 2023 User Guide

The updated DCAB 2023 User Guide is issued with all parking permits.

Draft of Letter Requesting private entities with parking facilities to consider providing accessible parking spaces that exceeds the minimum number required by the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines and other accessibility considerations

Bryan Mick provided a draft letter which includes photos that show accessibility considerations with accessible parking spaces or accessible routes for the Committee members to approve. The letter will be sent to medium and large parking lot owners/property managers.

Senate Bill 384 – Relating to Access for Disabled Persons Amends Section 291-58, Hawaii Revised Statutes to Authorize the Counties to Enforce the Requirements for the Minimum Number of Accessible Parking Spaces, Minimum number of Van Accessible Parking Spaces and Other Accessible Parking Space Design Requirements, at Places of Public Accommodation

Senate Bill 384, House Draft 1 crossed over to the House. The Counties did not submit testimony to object to the wording in the bill that would authorize them to adopt ordinances enabling them to enforce design standards for accessible parking spaces.

Implementation of a travel parking placard for permittees who do not want disabled license plates as their second permit

Bryan Mick shared a list of the fifty (50) states to show that three (3) states issue travel placards, twenty (20) states issue two (2) placards per permittee, and twenty-eight (28) states issue one (1) placard and one (1) set of license plates. The next Plan of Action will propose adding this as a topic for DCAB to pursue.

VI. New Business

None. There was no item under "New Business."

VII. Open Forum

Kirby Shaw suggested an ad-hoc transportation committee be formed to discuss issues in depth that currently go straight to the full Board. Examples of what could be discussed are the States transit mobility plan, public transit and paratransit, rail, and the airports. It was clarified that if the Board wished to establish this as a standing committee, the bylaws could be amended.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

NOTE: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,



ROMALA SUE RADCLIFFE