



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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DRAFT MINUTES **Standing Committee on Parking Meeting**

Location: Virtual via Zoom and 1010 Richards Street, Room 118
Date: November 15, 2024
Time: 11:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Summer Kozai, Chairperson; Violet Horvath, Gerald Ohta, Charlotte Townsend, Board Members; Kirby Shaw, Bryan Mick, Kristine Pagano, Elizabeth Pearson, Romala Sue Radcliffe; Staff

SIGN LANGUAGE

INTERPRETER: Regina Sapko

- I. Chairperson Summer Kozai called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.
- II. Chairperson Summer Kozai reported no written public testimony was submitted.
- III. The Committee approved the October 3, 2024, meeting minutes as circulated (M/S/P Ohta/Horvath). The September 13, 2024, meeting minutes were deferred.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Parking Placard Issuance Statistics

Bryan Mick reported that, around eight thousand (8,000) placards were issued. Four hundred (400) special license plates were reauthorized or issued. Of the placards, about two thousand two hundred (2,200) were temporary and five thousand nine hundred (5,900) were long term. DCAB issued two thousand five hundred (2,500) long term placards and thirty two (32) Disabled Paid Parking Exemption Permits (DPPEP). The placard renewal rate was seventy two percent (72%).
 - B. Email Notification to Permittees of Pending Parking Permit Expirations

For the third quarter of fiscal year 2023-2024, DCAB emailed one thousand two hundred ninety two (1,292) permittees to notify them of their pending permit expirations.
 - C. Procurement of Parking Placards and Decals

DCAB received 140,000 month and year decals.
 - D. Death Records Crossmatch and Parking Permit Retrieval

Four thousand (4,000) death record of permittees were flagged by the Department of Health's Vital Records section. DCAB will update the database and mail retrieval letters with pre-paid envelopes to the estates of deceased permittees to retrieve the placards. The goal is to have the letter ready to mail in January.

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. Two (2) letters were sent to permittees.

Webpage for Reporting Non-Design Compliant Accessible Spaces

Five (5) submissions were made to the webpage on a non-design compliant parking space.

Meeting with Television Public Service Announcement Providers

Staff met with several television stations about the possibility of producing and airing a public service announcement (PSA) on accessible parking.

Updating Posters for Issuing Locations

Staff observed several County issuing locations displaying an old poster designed by DCAB regarding how to renew a long term placard. Staff updated the poster design and will ask the issuing locations and other places if they can display it.

F. Van Accessible Spaces

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

Kirby Shaw is still reviewing the draft press release about the informational sign.

Letter to Retail Merchants of Hawaii

Kirby Shaw is ready to send the letter to the Retail Merchants Association requesting additional accessible and van accessible parking spaces that exceed the ADA minimums, voluntary installation of the priority for side ramp or lift signs, and a self-inspection to verify their current accessible parking spaces for compliance with federal and state design requirements.

G. State Capitol Building, Parking, and Accessibility Concerns

The letter was submitted to the Department of Health's Director along with a request to submit it to the Governor and Legislative leadership.

H. United States Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking – Accessibility of Electric Vehicle
Charging Stations – Update Draft Legislation

Staff submitted testimony on behalf of the Board, the deadline was November 4, 2024.

I. Possible State Legislation

Counties to enforce accessible parking space design

This bill will allow counties to enforce accessible parking space design requirements at places of public accommodation and will provide a local enforcement mechanism when people observe non-compliant accessible parking spaces.

Travel Placard

This bill will allow someone with an existing parking permit to obtain a second parking permit for travel and the parking permit would expire the last day of the month following their return travel date.

Related to Parking for Disabled Persons

The bill would impose an additional surcharge or fine for violations of Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), Chapter 291, Part III and remit fifty percent (50%) to the police department in the county where the violation occurred.

V. New Business

A. Meeting with Parking Enforcement Agencies

In an effort to increase enforcement of accessible parking laws, Kirby Shaw and Bryan Mick have meet with the Hawaii Department of Law Enforcement and the Department of Land and Natural Resources as both Departments have uniformed officers who issues citations. Staff is still trying to meet with the Honolulu Police Chief.

B. Concerns With Medical Facilities That Only Accept Parking
Payments VIA Smartphones

Staff received a complaint about a private parking lot serving a medical building that only accepts parking payment via an app. The concern is many older people do not have smart phones and are therefore unable to make payment. This policy does not appear to violate the ADA, although reasonable modifications might be required on a case by case basis. However, the Office of Aging might introduce a bill requiring alternate forms of payment be accepted as their constituency is highly impacted by an app only payment system.

VI. Open Forum

A discussion was held on the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport interisland reserved accessible parking spaces where it occurs able construction workers enroute to the neighbor islands are using permits which may not belong to them. Committee members would love for an enforcement agency to be present in the morning or afternoon when they all return and ask them to produce the identification card establishing that the placard was issued to them. Staff will follow up with the airport and police.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

NOTE: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

ROMALA SUE RADCLIFFE