

Shared Spaces Hayes Street 2024 - 2025 Permit

SFMTA Board of Directors November 19, 2024

Agenda

- 1. Hayes Street 400 Block Shared Space: 23/24
 - Successes and Challenges
- 2. Application for new Shared Space: 24/25
 - Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation (ISCOTT) Hearing
 - Discussion



What is a roadway closure?

Roadway Shared Space:

- Sponsor requested
- A regular and recurring activation of space normally used for traffic for a community and commercial uses, free and open to the public.
- Recurrence is weekly or monthly at the same time period.
- Permitted through ISCOTT, unless scope exceeds threshold and is approved through MTA Board.

• Non-recurring events:

• Typically permitted as a Special Event through ISCOTT.





Hayes Valley Shared Street Location



Hayes Valley Timeline



Hayes Shared Street Permit

October 2023, SFMTA Board approved a reduced scope to focus on creating success:

- Fridays 4-10pm and Saturdays 1-10pm
 - Demonstrate compliance with permit terms
 - Find opportunities and partnerships for activation
 - Ensure business loading and other needs are met
 - Ensure 21-Hayes not impacted
 - Collect data
 - Improved activation and compliance will increase merchant support



Current Permit: Successes

- More consistent activation (Art Walks, Saturdays In The City, 10-concert music series)
- Improved intersection barricade configuration discourages double parking
- Many neighbors report enjoying the community gathering space



Gough intersection barricades, February 2024



Saturdays in the City, HVNA

Current Permit: Challenges



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Board on Grove



- Emergency access
 - Inconsistent intersection monitoring and emergency lane cones

Traffic Circulation

- Some merchants on adjacent blocks impacted by traffic congestion and rerouting
- Muni Service Reroute
 - Confusing to riders, especially limitation of Sunday re-route due to weekend service plan when street is functionally open to cars



October 10th ISCOTT Hearing

Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association (HVNA) application:

Friday, November 22, 2024, through Saturday, November 22, 2025

- 4pm to 10pm, each Friday
- 10am to 10pm, each Saturday
- 10am to 8pm, each Sunday

Applicant requests restoring pandemic hours for a greater diversity of events, earlier event start times and expanded brunch service.



Saturdays In The City, October 2024



300 Block Traffic, March 2024

October 10th ISCOTT

- 189 Support Letters:
 - Safe street for children and community events
 - Additional outdoor dining space
 - Increased foot traffic
- 19 Opposition Letters:
 - Noise and traffic
 - Desire for more community involvement in "dialogue and decision making"
- SFFD Concerns
 - Emergency response delays
 - Lack of intersection monitors
- Public Comment
 - Mix of support and opposition

Next Steps

ISCOTT recommended permit to be considered by Board. Today's action is to permit all *or* a component of HVNA's request for:

- November 22, 2024 November 22, 2025
 - 4pm-10pm, Fridays
 - 10am-10pm, Saturdays
 - 10am- 8pm, Sundays





New Permit Tradeoffs

| | Opportunities | Challenges |
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| Maintain Friday (4-10pm) | Extra walking space for nighttime activity | Requires 21- Hayes weekday service plan change |
| Extending Saturday into the mornings (10am-10pm) | Provides adequate time to setup for events | Extends reported negative impacts for a longer duration More demand on permittee to maintain compliance terms |
| Adding Sundays (10am- 8pm) | Allows ability to shift retail events from Saturdays to Sundays, which minimizes competition with brick- and-motor businesses who report less customer activity on Sundays 21- Hayes is already rerouted | Extends reported negative impacts for a longer duration More demand on permittee to maintain compliance terms More programming to plan |



Staff Recommendation

- In alignment of encouraging repurposing streets for people and expanding on successes of last year, staff support expanded hours on Saturday.
- Staff do not recommend expanding the street closure to every Sunday. Community may continue to seek Sunday one-time special event permits through ISCOTT.



Questions?

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