

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

HVNA/HVMC sponsors
Fri 4-10pm, Sat/Sun
10am-10pm on 300,
400, 500 blocks
(21-Hayes suspended)

Muni restores 21-Hayes, reroutes weekends for Hayes Shared Space to continue

Hayes Shared
Space permitted
for Fri 4-10pm,
Sat 1-10pm
through Oct 2024

Summer 2020

Summer 2021

Summer 2022

Spring 2023

Fall 2023

Fall 2024

Permanent Shared
Spaces Legislation
Signed

Permit revised to only **400 block** due to community opposition and traffic impacts

Pandemic-era permits ends

HVNA submits 24/25 application for Fri 4-10pm, Sat 10am-10pm, Sun 10am-8pm

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







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.



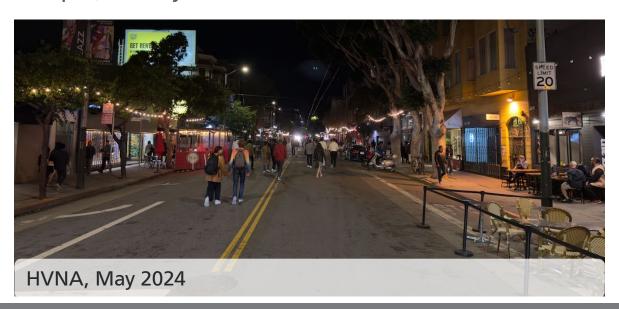
October 10th ISCOTT

- 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
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 brickand-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?

