



Scott Street Traffic Diversion

Motorists who drive through a neighborhood – rather than to a local destination – can cause congestion on residential streets. The City proposes restricting traffic on Scott Street to make it more comfortable for residents, bicycle riders and pedestrians, while improving traffic flow on Divisadero to accommodate diverted motorists.

This location was originally identified by an application by neighbors for traffic calming on Scott Street, and was recommended for diversion to address collisions and congestion in response to priorities identified by several San Francisco plans including Vision Zero, the Green Connections Plan and the Bicycle Strategy.



Proposed – Looking South along Scott Street at Fell

No Southbound Entry to Scott at Fell

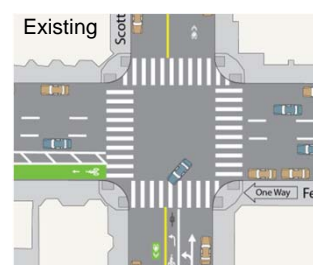
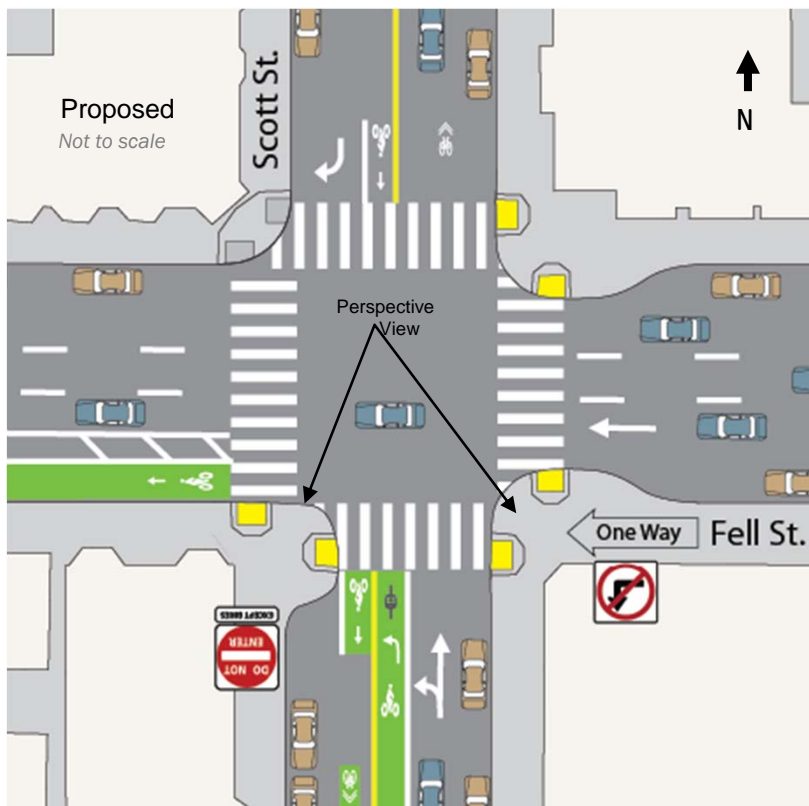
An extra-large bulb-out at Scott and Fell will require all southbound automobile traffic to turn right onto Fell Street; bicycle riders and pedestrians can continue on Scott. This will reduce Scott Street’s appeal as a cross-town route, making it a more pleasant place to walk, bike, and live. Access will be maintained to all homes and driveways by entering from the south.

Divisadero Improvements

The following changes will be made to Divisadero Street to improve the flow for southbound traffic:

- **Traffic signals will be coordinated** for southbound travel between O’Farrell and Hayes so that southbound traffic will usually arrive on a green light.
- **Left turns will be prohibited** at several streets, to reduce clogging and prioritize through-traffic. New prohibitions will be added at:
 - Hayes – north and southbound lefts prohibited, peak hours only
 - McAllister – north and southbound lefts prohibited, peak hours only

See reverse for information on how these changes will affect you whether you walk, bike, drive, or live on Scott Street.





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What do Scott St changes mean for me?



If you live on Scott Street ...

Changes to Scott Street were initially requested by neighborhood residents unhappy with congestion and idling vehicles. Restricting southbound traffic would greatly reduce this issue for several blocks both north and south of Fell Street. Residents who live on Scott between Oak and Fell would have to approach their homes from the south when driving, but would still have access to their driveways and would be able to exit the block to either the north or south.



If you park on Scott Street between Oak and Fell...

With the proposed traffic diverter, drivers would still be able to park on both sides of Scott Street on the block between Oak and Fell. The traffic diverter will require removal of 3 parking spaces to improve southbound right turns from Scott onto Fell.



If you walk through the intersection of Scott and Fell...

With the proposed traffic diverter, the distance to cross the southern leg of the intersection will be shortened and the conflict with cars turning left from Fell Street onto Scott will be removed. A pedestrian wanting to cross either Scott Street or Fell Street will now be much more visible to drivers and people riding bicycles, including those turning from Scott onto Fell. New bulbs on the east side of Scott will shorten the crossing distance across Fell.



If you bike on Scott Street...

Biking on Scott Street in the southbound direction will be significantly calmer, with fewer automobiles to share the road with. In the northbound direction, the bike lane will be maintained and colored green, and there will no longer be left turning motorists from Fell onto Scott.



If you drive on Scott Street...

Driving north on Scott Street would not be restricted under the proposal. Scott Street will no longer be a convenient route for driving to the Lower Haight from the North. For drivers with destinations within the Alamo Square or Lower Haight neighborhoods, either Divisadero or parallel neighborhood residential streets could be used. For drivers currently using Scott Street for longer stretches, Divisadero will be improved to make it the preferred route between Geary and 14th Street.



If you ride Muni on Divisadero...

Changing the traffic signals on Divisadero Street will ensure that the increase in the number of cars using Divisadero will not slow down the 24-Divisadero, and could even improve Muni service in some stretches.



If you live on a parallel residential street...

Because of improvements the SFMTA will be making to Divisadero in conjunction with this project, parallel neighborhood streets such as Steiner, Pierce and Broderick are not expected to experience new congestion – in fact, some cross-town traffic on these streets may switch to Divisadero as well. However, the SFMTA will be evaluating conditions in the project area after implementation and if conditions worsen on parallel neighborhood streets, additional measures could be considered.



If you require emergency services...

The bulb-out will be designed so that emergency response vehicles including fire trucks and ambulances can access Scott Street from the north and from Fell street by crossing into opposing traffic in instances of emergencies. The San Francisco Fire Department has reviewed and approved the SFMTA's proposals for Scott and Fell.