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Public Comment - CAC Meeting 10/28/2026 - Hayes Valley Public Life Study Update - Support

1 message

Heather Jackson <paheather@gmail.com> Wed, Oct 28, 2026 at 7:43 AM
To: clerk@sfcta.org

Dear Members of the Citizens' Advisory Committee,

My name is Heather. I am a car owning neighbor who lives in Hayes Valley a few blocks away on Page St. I am submitting this written public comment in strong support of the pedestrian-oriented findings reflected in the Hayes Valley Public Life Study, and in ongoing support of the Hayes Street shared space corridor. Unfortunately, I'm unable to attend the proceedings in-person tonight.

One recent Saturday afternoon in my neighborhood, I witnessed a family step out of a local shop with purchases in hand, pause at the curb, and say: "Wow, there's a jazz performance." The street that day was filled with chalk artwork, families dancing to the rhythm, and locals sitting to enjoy the free music.

Spontaneous analog moments like this one give the neighborhood so much, but they are also an investment in the future. When our shared street is open to people, it shows the next generation what San Francisco can be: a place where children can explore their own neighborhood, where independent local businesses thrive on foot traffic, and where public space generates community connection void of screens.

By continuing to invest in Hayes Street, and build from this study, we are not just preserving a weekend program—we are building a safer, more vibrant, and forward-looking city for everyone. I encourage staff and the committee to continue advancing policies and infrastructure that prioritize public life, collaborative merchant engagement, and pedestrian safety on Hayes Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Jackson
Hayes Valley Neighbor


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1 message

HVS <team@hvsafe.com> Sun, Oct 25, 2026 at 4:45 PM
To: "clerk@sfcta.org" <clerk@sfcta.org>

Dear SFCTA Community Advisory Committee Members,

We submit the following comments regarding Item 6, the Hayes Valley Public Life Study Update.

After six years of recurring weekend closures on the 400 block of Hayes Street, SFMTA is approaching another permit renewal while the study remains unfinished and longstanding concerns over community engagement, transportation impacts, commercial consequences, and permit administration remain unresolved. The preliminary findings document activity under the existing arrangement, but they do not establish that continuing the closure is necessary or preferable to reopening Hayes Street while accommodating individual events through established permitting procedures.

The business findings are particularly limited. Just 32 businesses responded to the survey, five interviews were conducted, and the reported operating preferences leave 28% unexplained. More fundamentally, the study does not establish where affected residents and neighbors stand on the recurring closure. Documenting public-space activity is not the same as demonstrating community support for the policy governing it.

We are also concerned that the study does not meaningfully compare alternatives or account comprehensively for the transportation, access, public-resource, and operational consequences of maintaining the closure. Our central concern extends beyond the study's methodology. For six years, this contested arrangement has been repeatedly renewed without meaningful dialogue with the broader neighborhood or demonstrated community consensus. An unfinished study cannot substitute for that missing process or resolve the accumulated concerns of affected residents and merchants.

A central question we have raised with the City remains unanswered: Was reopening Hayes Street to ordinary public use evaluated as an alternative? Without that comparison, the study cannot establish whether the recurring closure is preferable to other approaches. The preliminary findings also leave significant questions about transportation, access, public costs, and the broader neighborhood's preferences.

We ask Committee members to examine these limitations, seek clarification on the missing comparisons and community preferences, and make clear that the preliminary findings do not, on their own, establish a justification for continuing the closure.

HVS has published a detailed analysis of the preliminary findings.

Thank you for your consideration.
Hayes Valley Safe (HVS)

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SFCTA CAC Public Comment: Item 6, Hayes Valley Public Life Study

1 message

Andrew Seigner <andrew@hayespromenade.org> Tue, Oct 27, 2026 at 9:15 AM
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Chair Siegal and Members of the SFCTA Community Advisory Committee,

My name is Andrew Seigner. I'm a Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association Board Member, and have been HVNA's representative on the Hayes Street Shared Space permit, which opens the 400 block of Hayes to people, since 2023. We call it Hayes Promenade, and our goal is to make it permanent.

Thank you to SF Planning and SFMTA for the Hayes Valley Public Life Study Phase 1 findings. They show the 400 block Shared Space receiving a larger boost than the 500 block. From Wednesday to Saturday, 400 block foot traffic rose 66% (compared to 36% on the 500 block). Children spending time there rose 5x (compared to a 50% increase on the 500 block). Observed eating/drinking rose nearly 7x (while the 500 block was nearly flat).

These findings show robust business input via the survey. Input and data from residents is also important. Some highlights:

Resident input:

- Petition to make Hayes Promenade permanent: https://www.change.org/p/make-hayes-promenade-permanent
  - 2,883 signatures total, 1,664 from SF, 505 from 94102 (Hayes.Promenade.petition_signatures_2026.10.25.csv attached)
  - 61 comments (Hayes.Promenade.petition_comments_2026.10.25.csv attached)
- SFMTA Board permit renewal, Nov. 18, 2025: 150 public comments in favor (SFMTA.Board_public.comment_2025.11.18.pdf attached)
- ISCOTT permit renewal, Oct. 23, 2025: 219 public comments in favor (ISCOTT_public.comment_2025.10.23.pdf attached)
- Community feedback table, Nov. 16, 2024: https://hayespromenade.org/blog/2024-11-16-community-feedback-table

Data:

- 51% of Hayes Valley households are car free:
  - https://transpomaps.org/projects/car-ownership/ca/san-francisco
  - https://hayespromenade.org/blog/more-than-half-of-households-surrounding-hayes-promenade-do-not-own-a-car
- 81% of Hayes Valley voters voted in favor of Sunset Dunes Park in Nov. 2024:
  - https://electionmapsf.com/2024-11-05/prop-k?selected=7516
  - https://hayespromenade.org/blog/analysis-voters-in-hayes-valley-overwhelming-favor-sustainable-mobility
- UC Berkeley Public Life Study, Dec. 2025: https://hayespromenade.org/s/HayesPromenadeUCBerkeleyEnvironmentalDesignStudy.pdf found that Hayes Promenade turns Hayes Street into a thriving public space.

Other context:

- Market & Octavia CAC adopted a resolution supporting pedestrianization of the 400 block on Sept. 16, 2024 (6-0 in favor): https://sfplanning.org/sites/default/files/documents/cac/MOCAC_resolutions_pedetrianization_20240916.pdf (I drafted it as a member of MOCAC).
- SFMTA Board recommended a longer-term permit during permit renewals in both 2024 and 2025.
- The 6 Hayes/Parnassus reroute moves outbound to Grove Fri/Sat/Sun. It already runs inbound on Grove 7 days/week. The outbound Mon-Thu on Hayes is the outlier.
- Our own 2025/2026 Season Review: https://hayespromenade.org/blog/2025-2026-season-review

I respectfully request that the SFCTA CAC recommend that staff:

1. Include in the final study a summary of the resident and community input already on the public record, alongside the business survey.
2. Include in Phase 2 a concept for a permanent pedestrian street on the 400 block, along with a 6 Hayes/Parnassus route that runs the same way every day in both directions.

Thank you for your time,
Andrew Seigner

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Walk SF Comment: SFCTA CAC 10/28 Agenda

1 message

Sam Greenberg <sam@walksf.org> Wed, Oct 28, 2026 at 5:11 PM
Bcc: clerk@sfcta.org

Dear Chair Siegal and members of the SFCTA Community Advisory Committee,

I am writing on behalf of Walk San Francisco to share our thoughts on a few important items before you at the CAC this evening.

First, on Item 6: we want to elevate that the Hayes Shared Space has been an outstanding success for the neighborhood and for all who visit it. We strongly support extending the Hayes Shared Space permit and want to highlight that we are not alone. Per the staff presentation, **a strong plurality of businesses (44%) either support expanding operations or support the current Shared Space operations under the permit**—with only 28% supporting scaling down operations. This speaks to how successful the space has been. We believe the pedestrian-friendly, walkable space Hayes Valley enjoys can be a model for neighborhoods across the city, and we hope you can highlight these great numbers in the CAC meeting.

Second, on Item 7: In reviewing the delivery timelines for prior years of the School Walk Audit Program, it is troubling for us to see that **improvements identified multiple years ago are still in progress or incomplete**. We ask that you request that project delivery for improvements identified by the School Walk Audit Program be accelerated by SFDPW and the SFMTA so that safety needs near schools are addressed in a timely manner.

Thank you for your service on the CAC and for supporting policies and funding to make San Francisco safe for all pedestrians.

Best,
Sam

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Election Day is November 3. Check out Walk SF's Voter Guide.

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