

Resolution #TC2021-04-11

Approval of a name change to a local road (Stapleton Drive) as part of the Central 70 Project

Approved by the Transportation Commission on April 15, 2021.

WHEREAS, § 43-1-106 (8)(a) C.R.S. gives authority to the Transportation Commission of Colorado (“Commission”) to formulate general policy with respect to the management, construction, and maintenance of public highways and other transportation systems in the state; and

WHEREAS, Stapleton North Drive and Stapleton South Drive originally belonged to Denver until In 2015, CDOT acquired the right-of-way including Stapleton North Drive and Stapleton South Drive, pursuant to the September 2015 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Denver and CDOT concerning the Central 70 project, with the intention of returning ownership to Denver once the project was complete; and

WHEREAS, Denver staff believes that the City can't rename a street that it doesn't own. The city's process requires City Council action and it can only impose that action over the streets that it actually owns; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver has formally requested that the Transportation Commission rename several local streets that are currently and temporarily under CDOT’s purview; and

WHEREAS, when Stapleton airport was redeveloped following the opening of Denver International Airport, the neighborhood now known as Central Park was named Stapleton, after the former airport; and

WHEREAS, the access roads now known as Stapleton Drive North and South have never been formally named by either the City of Denver or the State. An internal memo dated August 13, 1965 from Denver's City Engineer, regarding the two frontage roads, reads in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, Denver's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure would undertake any city administrative tasks prompted by the name change, including notification of emergency and postal services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Transportation Commission hereby take the following action: (1) formally rename Stapleton North Drive (operates as one-way, westbound movement), east of Dahlia Street, to East 45th Avenue and (2) formally rename

Stapleton South Drive (operates as one-way, eastbound movement), east of Dahlia Street, to East 44th Avenue. (3) the Central 70 project is currently reconfiguring roadways and the portion of Stapleton South Drive west of Dahlia Street would become a continuation of and signed as East 46th Avenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Central 70 project agrees to fund replacement street signage.

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Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado

4/15/2021

Date