

**Resolution #TC-2021-05-05**

Revise Resolution to rename Stapleton Drive

**Approved by the Transportation Commission on May 20, 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

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Commission on April 15, 2021 resolved to formally rename Stapleton Drive North East of Dahlia Street to East 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Stapleton Drive South east of Dahlia Street to East 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and the portion of Stapleton Drive South West of Dahlia Street to East 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and County of Denver has formally requested that the Transportation Commission adjust those street names

**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), between Dahlia Street and Holly Street, to East 45th North Drive and east of Holly Street, to East 45th Ave and (2) formally rename Stapleton South Drive (operates as one-way, eastbound movement), between Dahlia Street and Holly Street, to East 45<sup>th</sup> South Drive and east of Holly Street to East 44th Ave. (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 45<sup>th</sup> South Drive

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Central 70 project agrees to fund replacement street signage

*Herman F. Stockinger III*

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Herman Stockinger, Secretary  
Transportation Commission of Colorado

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