

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

FROM: Taylor Lonsdale, Transportation Engineer
Nicholas Ross, Director of Transportation and Engineering

SUBJECT: A Resolution Changing the Name of Thomas Drive to North 27th Avenue

MEETING DATE: July 14, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Resolution

RECOMMENDATION: **Consider the Motion:** *After incorporating the information in the staff report, oral findings made by the Commission during the public hearing, information contained in the proposed resolution, and after considering all protests and public comment, I move to adopt the Resolution renaming Thomas Drive to North 27th Avenue.*

STRATEGIC PLAN: 1.3 Public Agencies Collaboration: Foster successful collaboration with other public agencies and build on these successes.

BACKGROUND: City of Bozeman Resolution 3628 Adopting a Rule of Procedure for the Change of Name of Streets and the Discontinuance, Abandonment or Vacation of Streets or Alleys outlines the process for changing the name of a street.

The Department of Transportation and Engineering has previously submitted a petition to change the name of Thomas Drive to North 27th Avenue. Bozeman City Commission previously approved [Resolution 2026-44](#) establishing the intent to change the street name and scheduling the regular session of the City Commission on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 as the time and place where and when the City Commission will hear all objections to changing the name of Thomas Drive to North 27th Avenue. The Notice of Intent has been publicly noticed as required in Montana Code Annotated.

The City is currently under construction of a capital improvement project to connect North 27th from Baxter to Cattail which includes Thomas Drive in the current alignment on N 27th. It is City policy for all new streets to assume the name of the street with which it aligns unless the street does not and cannot in the future connect to an existing street segment along the alignment. Changing the name of Thomas Drive will bring the street segment into compliance with City policy and prevent directional confusion incurred by a small segment of a continuous street holding a separate name. Transportation and Engineering staff completed review of the street name change and recommend changing the name of Thomas Drive to North 27th

Avenue. The attached memo shall be considered the Engineering Staff Report as required by Resolution 3628.

At the time of preparation of the staff report and this memo, NO objections have been received from affected property owners and one protest was filed with the City Clerk requesting to keep the original name of Thomas Drive to maintain memorable identity. Staff concludes that there is no detriment to public health and safety from changing the name of Thomas Drive to North 27th Avenue.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: Do not adopt the resolution.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None

Attachments:

[Resolution 2026-44 Intent to rename Thomas Drive to N 27th Ave](#)

[Notice of Intent - Thomas Dr to North 27th Ave](#)

[Thomas Drive to N 27th Ave - Exhibit A](#)

[Final Staff Report - Thomas Dr to North 27th Ave.pdf](#)

[Resolution ____ Renaming Thomas Drive to North 27th Avenue.docx](#)

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