

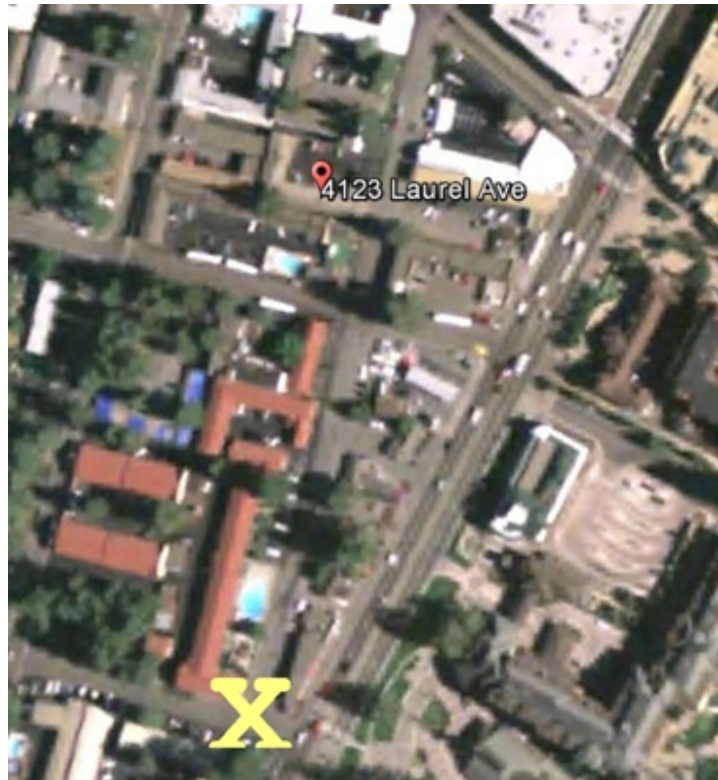
Then and now: Laurel Avenue disappears

South Lake Tahoe is missing a street – Laurel Avenue.



The Thunderbird Lodge was prominent on Laurel Avenue in the 1960s.
Photo/South Lake Tahoe

The Thunderbird Motel stood at 4123 Laurel Avenue near the state line.



Laurel Avenue ran diagonally between Friday Avenue, where the yellow X is, and Stateline Avenue, at about mid-Harveys. Photo/Google



The remains of the Thunderbird at 4123 Laurel Ave. on April 19, 2007. Photo/Bill Kingman

In 2007, the Chateau project called for the removed of all buildings on Laurel Avenue and the avenue itself. At that time the development was to be two hotels, a convention center, retail and open space. At more than \$400 million it was to be

the most expensive development project in the history of South Lake Tahoe. That was pre-bankruptcy.



The X marks where Laurel Avenue was. Photo/Google/April 2015



Renamed Zalanta, one of the hotels is under construction. Photo/Bill Kingman



The last Laurel Avenue street sign.
Photo/Bill Kingman

The final vestige of Laurel Avenue – its street sign – was removed in November 2015.

– *Bill Kingman*