Street Connection Policy:

In accordance with Section 30-6-13.3 (C) of Greensboro's Unified Development Ordinance and Section 30-13-2.5 of the Land Development Ordinance, street extensions that extend from existing neighborhood through a proposed development site into or through another existing neighborhood shall be evaluated and established based on the following criteria:

1. Emergency Response Times:

How much a street connection may decrease emergency response times or enhance emergency vehicle access.

(Fire Department to evaluate, Robert Cudd)

2. Excessive Block Lengths:

Evaluate current neighborhood block lengths and determine if a street connection is needed.

(Planning Department to evaluate, Steve Galanti)

3. Traffic Congestion:

Existing and/or anticipated street patterns warrant a street connection(s) in order to reduce traffic congestion.

(Greensboro Department of Transportation to evaluate, Carrie Reeves)

4. Pedestrian:

Existing street and sidewalk patterns warrant a street connection(s) and or sidewalk connection(s) to enhance pedestrian and bicyclist activities. (Greensboro Department of Transportation to evaluate, Peggy Holland)

Coordinated Street Plan:

A street connection fits into adopted street plans (thoroughfare plan, collector street plan, and local street plan)

(Greensboro Department of Transportation to evaluate, Carrie Reeves)

6. Extraneous Traffic:

Whether or not a proposed street connection(s) would encourage traffic volumes with origins and destinations outside the existing neighborhood or encourage truck traffic to pass through the neighborhood.

(Greensboro Department of Transportation to evaluate, Carrie Reeves)

7. Impacts to Natural Areas:

Whether or not a proposed street connection(s) would adversely affect streams, lakes/ponds, and whether or not there are topographical barriers or unique natural areas.

(Greensboro Department of Transportation, Water Resources Department, and Parks and Recreation Department to evaluate, Virginia Spillman, Mike Simpson)

8. Impacts to Public Facilities:

Whether or not a proposed street connection(s) would adversely affect other public facilities such as parks, bike trails, nature trails, and natural areas.

(Greensboro Department of Transportation and Parks and Recreation Department to evaluate public facilities, Mike Simpson, Peggy Holland)

9. Public Service Delivery:

Whether or not a proposed street connection would enhance delivery of public services.

(Greensboro Department of Transportation and Environmental Services to evaluate Carrie Reeves)

Public Involvement Procedure:

When, during the rezoning stage, the initial analysis by the City of Greensboro staff indicates a proposed street connection is warranted (based on a review of criteria 1-9) the Zoning Commission meeting will serve as the public hearing for public involvement and information gathering.

When, during the plan review stage, the initial analysis by City of Greensboro staff indicated a proposed street connection is warranted (based on a review of criteria 1-9) and prior to City of Greensboro staff making a recommendation to the Technical Review Committee, an information gathering meeting will be held with adjacent property owners to seek additional information related to criteria 1-9. (Greensboro Department of Transportation to coordinate public involvement)

Should a proposed rezoning or an appeal of a TRC plat denial be made, this form (and attached map showing all proposed street connection locations and public involvement summary) will be provided to the Planning Board and City Council for their use and consideration in the appeals process.

Staff Recommendation:		

Date:			
Name:			