

# PLAN AHEAD

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT REVIEW THROUGH 2018

### *Now that Thrive MSP 2040 is adopted, what does that mean for your comprehensive plan?*

As directed by state law, the Council adopted a new comprehensive development guide, *Thrive MSP 2040*, in May 2014. We are updating our regional plans for transportation (including aviation), regional parks and open space, and water resources. In addition, we are also drafting a new housing policy plan. These system and policy plans are scheduled for adoption later in 2014 and in early 2015.

We will issue System Statements in the fall of 2015; and your community will have until the end of 2018 to update your comprehensive plan. We recognize that communities may need to amend their 2030 comprehensive plans prior to completing their update. This is how we will consider and review amendments to your current comprehensive plans:

1. From now until early 2015 when all of our system and policy plans are adopted, comprehensive plan amendments will be reviewed under the *2030 Regional Development Framework* and 2030 system plans.
2. From early 2015 (after the adoption of all of the system and policy plans) until January 1, 2016, you may **choose** to have your comprehensive plan amendment reviewed under either:
  - a. The *2030 Regional Development Framework* and 2030 system plans  
– OR –
  - b. *Thrive MSP 2040* and its 2040 system plans  
*Please note that amendments under either scenario must not create conformance issues with 2040 metropolitan system plans.*
3. From January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018, all comprehensive plan amendments and updates will be reviewed under *Thrive MSP 2040* and its system and policy plans.
4. After December 31, 2018, we will no longer accept amendments to 2030 comprehensive plans. To be reviewed, an amendment must be found complete before December 31, 2018.
5. Your 2040 comprehensive plan updates are due to the Council by December 31, 2018.

### *What about changes to our forecasts?*

When we adopted *Thrive*, we also adopted 2040 local forecasts of population, households, and employment. We are using these adopted forecasts for developing the systems and policy plans and forecasting future demand for transportation, transit, and sewer service. Later in 2014, we will issue and adopt forecasts for 2020 and 2030 consistent with the adopted 2040 forecasts. In 2015, we will update regional and local forecasts to reflect current national data and the policies adopted in the Council's systems and policy plans. The System Statements issued in the fall of 2015 will include these updated forecasts.

Consistent with the timelines above, you may continue to implement and amend your 2030 comprehensive plans, which use Framework forecasts. Some proposed amendments might include requests to change your local forecasts. In the time period before System Statements are issued in 2015, we will consider revisions to the *Thrive* forecasted 2040 community totals as part of our review of those amendments. Examples of plan changes that could result in a revision to *Thrive* forecasts include:

- Substantial changes in land supply, planned land uses, and/or allowable density ranges
- Substantial changes in the extent of staging of MUSA (or comparable municipal service area)

As addressed in *Thrive MSP 2040*, where 2040 sewer-serviced households or sewer-serviced employment are lower than the Framework 2030 forecasts, you may continue to plan for urban services in those areas that are authorized in your local 2030 comprehensive plan.

Council staff will assist you in incorporating any approved forecast changes into your 2030 plan.

### *Questions?*

If you have questions, please contact your Sector Representative, or Lisa Barajas, Local Planning Assistance Manager, at 651-602-1895. We are happy to explain requirements and answer any questions.



