

2050 Local Forecasts: Next Steps

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Why we forecast: regional context



Long-range forecasts of population, households, jobs

- Provide a shared foundation for coordinated planning, systems and services
 - Regional systems and services are scaled to meet forecasted demand
 - Local plans, infrastructure, services respond to the same forecasts
- Maintained, updated to inform planning
- Authorized by *MN Statutes* 473.146 and 473.859

Why we forecast: local context



- Forecasts inform
 - Service plans
 - City budget projections and capital improvement plans
 - Coordination with water management agencies
 - Coordination with transportation agencies (Met Council, counties, and MnDOT)
- Met Council's plan requirements for local governments
 - Plan for future growth that is probable, as detailed in local forecasts
 - Reconcile the growth forecast with comprehensive plan
 - Council staff and local planners can cooperate to find solution
 - Provide analysis of land supply accommodating the forecast
- None of this is controversial

“What are penalties for missed forecasts?”



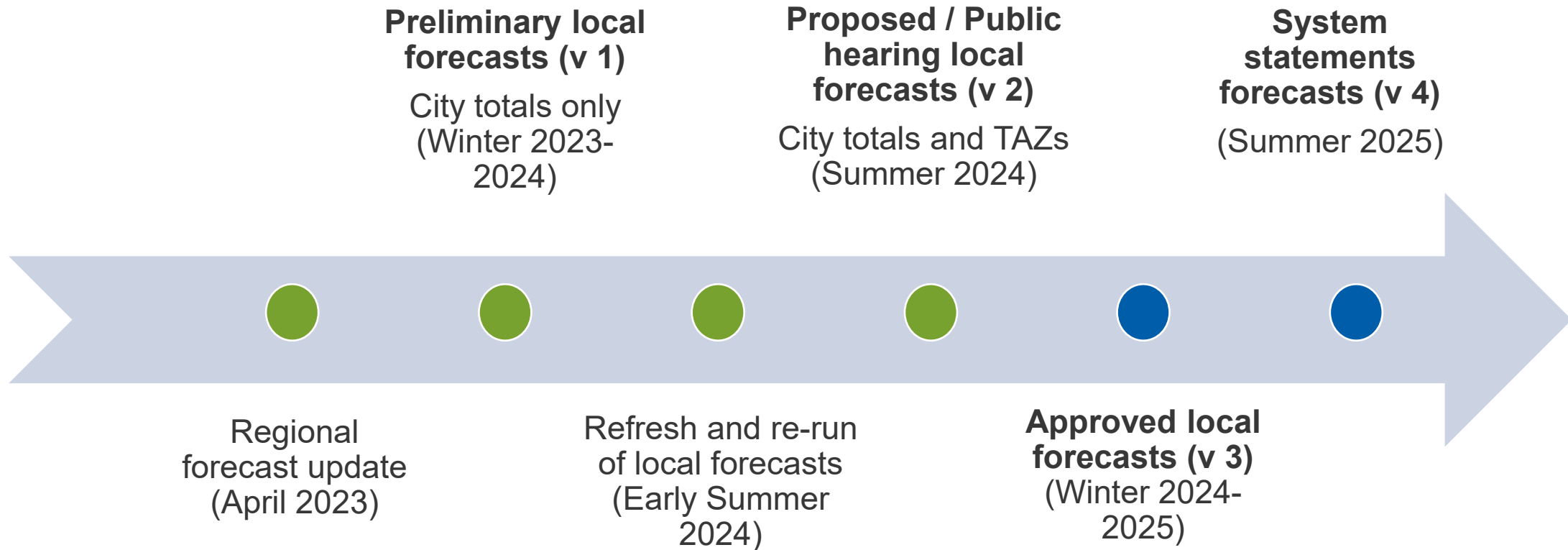
State law assigns Met Council responsibility for growth forecasts

- We do not set minimum “quotas” for future growth; there are not “penalties” for falling short of forecast
- But adjustments may be needed
 - *Too much growth*: Potential system impacts. Up to MCES and MTS to determine remedy
 - *Too little growth*: Failures to generate system usage and user fees
- Not penalties, but possible consequences
 - Shortfalls in housing production could make cities less competitive for LCA grants
 - Shortfalls in guiding middle- and high-density land supply could be nonconformance, resulting in ineligibility for LCA grants

Recap of progress to now



Forecast timeline parallels the *Imagine 2050* timeline



Proposed Local Forecasts, ver. 2

Updated data

- Update certain predictor data: local planned land use capacities
 - Effect in the modelscape: more permissive allowances for redevelopment on mixeduse land in fully developed locations
- Update system characteristics: Fiscally Constrained Scenario transportation modeling; cumulative accessibility calculated from model runs in May 2024
 - Effect in the modelscape: boost propensity for new housing closer to employment, OR worksites closer to housing, OR both
- Reflect known developments, in right places, thru Dec. 2023
 - Effect in the modelscape: refocusing development toward currently “hot” locations

Proposed Local Forecasts, ver. 2

Model set-up and process; also post-model policy considerations

- More explicit future housing mix
- Projection improvement of population per household
- Post-model development limits for:
 - Agricultural communities
 - Places in White Bear Lake-shed, subject to Court-ordered groundwater use limits

Not changed

- Regional employment and population are fixed totals
 - A forecast boost to any given place means forecast offsets in other places

Local forecast summary: households



Growth happens in local, specific places

Adding 324,000 households over 30 years – where?

Our model is a real estate market-based modeling designed to produce a probable future distribution

- 33% of the net growth in urban centers and urban communities
 - 41% in suburban and suburban edge
 - 20% in emerging suburban edge
 - 6% in rural communities
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- This pattern is -8 points less urban, +6 points more suburban, and +2 points more rural than observed development, 2010 – 2020

From macro-level to local: Numbers for every city and zone



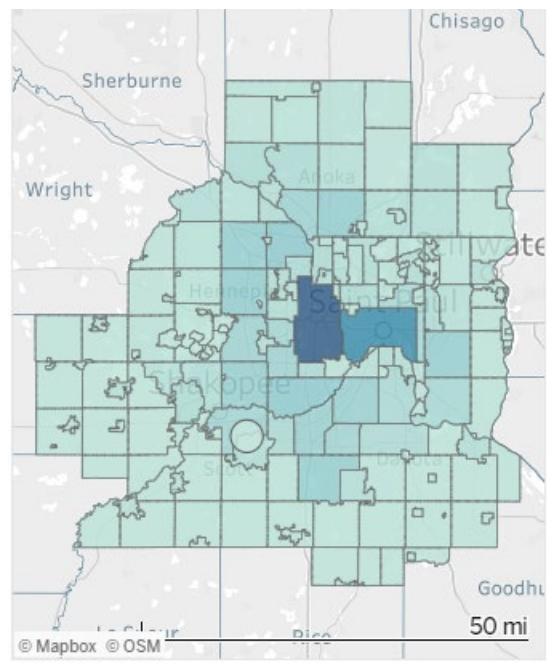
Local forecasts at metro council.org/forecasts

- City- and township-level results
 - Excel workbook format
 - Also interactive webmap at metro council.org/forecasts
- **Proposed** Local Forecasts (version 2) online now
 - Formal process, meaning Council takes action at end
 - Public comment period ended Oct. 7, 2024
- Council will approve version 3 in Feb. 2025

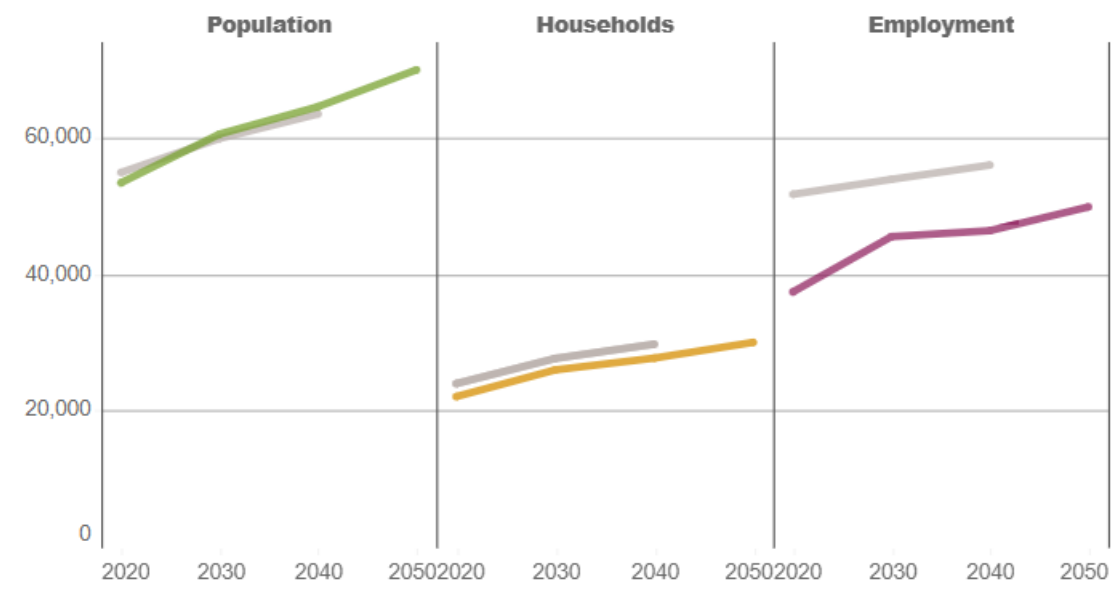
Explore and comment on proposed local forecasts to 2050

Select geographic level
 Cities and townships

Select city or township
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Map: Forecast topic
 Population

Map: Forecast year
 2050

Map: Thrive MSP 2040 or Imagine 2050
 Imagine 2050

View forecast data as
 Chart

Imagine 2050 (Green square)
 Thrive MSP 2040 (Grey square)

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What we heard: public hearing process



What we heard during public hearing process



- A few questions and comments about the region total forecast
- Many more comments about local forecasts
 - Local forecasts must add up to reasonable region total
- Some letters **supportive** of proposed local forecasts
- Comments from 2 counties and 19 cities* that request or encourage local forecast **adjustments**
 - * as of 11/15/2024

Council staff consideration of requests for adjustments



We cannot satisfy everyone

- We approved most requested adjustments to the extent these could be accommodated
- A few requests refused as requestors did not explain or provided erroneous information
- A few requests refused because desired numbers were excessive – and/or we provided adjustments earlier
- In the remainder, we propose “half-way” compromises
- The full set of revisions do not significantly alter region totals

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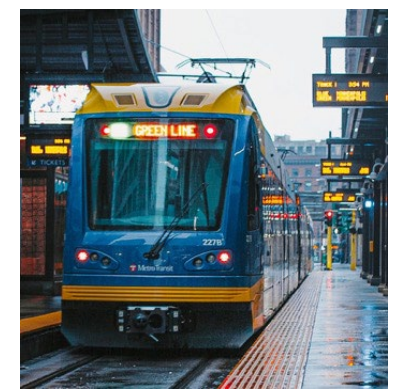


Version 3 local forecasts set

- Will look much like version 2 – but with adjustments to approximately two dozen individual places
- Metropolitan Council will approve version 3, as part of *Imagine 2050*, in Feb. 2025
 - Council has authority (*MN Statutes 473.146 and 473.859*) to determine forecasts of when, where and how much growth is probable, and to use those forecasts to guide regional systems planning

There are opportunities for adjustments throughout the planning cycle

Jan. – Feb. 29, 2024	<p>Review and comment on Preliminary Local Forecasts v. 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes population, households, employment for counties, cities, townships
Aug. 15 – Oct. 7, 2024	<p>Review and comment on Proposed Local Forecasts v. 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes population, households, employment for counties, cities, townships and Transportation Analysis Zones Part of public comment period for <i>Imagine 2050</i>
Sept. – Dec. 2025	<p>Review and comment on System Statement Local Forecasts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes population, households, employment for counties, cities, townships, subcity sewer-service areas and policy areas Part of appeals period for System Statements
2026 – 2028*	<p>Preparation and review of Comprehensive Plan Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met Council and local governments can agree to local forecast revisions as expectations and plans evolve
2026 – 2034	<p>Preparation and review of Plan Amendments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met Council and local governments can agree to local forecast revisions as expectations and plans evolve



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