

April 9, 2015

Dean Zuleger, City Administrator
City Of Lake Elmo
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Dear Mr. Zuleger:

The Metropolitan Council requests your input on updates to your community's local forecast. The Council is updating **draft local forecasts** in preparation for the release of Systems Statements this fall to kick off the local comprehensive planning process.

The table below shows your community's 2020, 2030, and 2040 draft local forecasts (2015 update); the table also includes your community's current adopted Thrive MSP 2040 forecasts for comparison. (In addition, a table with draft local forecasts for all communities is enclosed with this letter.)

Forecasts for City Of Lake Elmo

	Population			Households			Employment		
	2020	2030	2040	2020	2030	2040	2020	2030	2040
Forecasts (2014 as adopted)	10,300	14,500	20,500	3,880	5,700	8,000	2,550	2,740	3,160
Draft forecasts (2015 update)	10,500	14,100	18,200	3,800	5,300	7,100	2,900	3,350	3,800

The Council will accept comments on the draft forecasts (2015 update) through **May 8, 2015**. If you have questions or concerns about your local forecasts, please contact your Sector Representative, Ryan Garcia, at Ryan.Garcia@metc.state.mn.us or 651-602-1832.

We will not publish these draft local forecasts until we have responded to local comments and the Council formally adopts those revised forecasts in July. Some draft forecasts will change based upon the local comments we receive.

A few things to note:

- The updated regional forecast released in March (metro council.org/forecasts) reduces regional growth by 2040 by 5% for population, 6% for households, and 15% for jobs. These reductions alone reduce many community forecasts.
- The draft local forecasts use updated real estate and land use data. These revisions have changed our forecasts of growth across the region.
- Please remember that while the Council has reduced 30-year population forecasts for some jurisdictions, the Council will provide necessary wastewater infrastructure to honor existing 2030 commitments for land to be included in the Metropolitan Urban Service Area by 2040 (*Thrive MSP 2040*, p. 21).

Sincerely,



Beth Reetz, Interim Director
Community Development Division

cc: Council Member Harry Melander, District 12