

April 9, 2015

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Dear Ms.Mursko:

City of Columbus

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 Columbus

	Population			Households			Employment		
	2020	2030	2040	2020	2030	2040	2020	2030	2040
Forecasts (2014 as adopted)	3,970	4,510	5,300	1,580	1,850	2,200	1,430	1,570	1,850
Draft forecasts (2015 update)	4,220	4,950	5,500	1,600	1,930	2,200	1,500	1,670	1,800

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 Sandy Rummel, District 11

Draft Forecasts (2015 update) for Community Review

These are draft forecasts sent out for community review on April 9, 2015, and have not been officially adopted by the Council. These forecasts will be officially adopted by the Council in July 2015. These draft forecasts are subject to change based upon community review.



ANOKA COUNTY	Population			Households			Employment					
	2010	2020	2030	2040	2010	2020	2030	2040	2010	2020	2030	2040
Anoka	30,598	34,000	38,200	41,900	9,811	11,400	13,500	15,400	4,669	5,400	5,800	6,200
Bethel	17,142	18,700	20,000	21,200	7,060	7,900	8,400	8,900	12,840	13,800	14,200	14,400
Blaine (both counties)	466	480	520	550	174	190	220	230	86	130	150	180
Centerville	57,186	66,300	76,700	87,300	21,077	25,100	29,200	33,300	19,668	25,800	28,400	31,000
Circle Pines	3,792	3,840	3,930	4,060	1,315	1,400	1,450	1,500	409	540	560	590
Columbia Heights	4,918	5,000	5,200	5,300	2,006	2,100	2,160	2,200	790	900	950	1,000
Columbus	19,496	20,500	21,800	23,100	7,926	8,400	8,900	9,300	3,484	4,280	4,440	4,600
Coon Rapids	3,914	4,220	4,950	5,500	1,416	1,600	1,930	2,200	1,172	1,500	1,670	1,800
East Bethel	61,476	64,800	68,400	72,100	23,532	25,500	27,500	29,300	23,260	27,100	28,900	30,900
Fridley	11,626	12,400	15,400	18,400	4,060	4,700	6,000	7,400	1,123	1,700	1,950	2,200
Ham Lake	27,208	28,200	29,400	30,800	11,110	11,700	12,300	12,800	21,333	23,700	24,900	26,100
Hilltop	15,296	16,200	17,700	18,700	5,171	5,800	6,600	7,100	2,931	3,700	4,010	4,300
Lexington	744	840	960	1,090	380	450	500	550	314	460	480	500
Lino Lakes	2,049	2,100	2,270	2,430	787	820	880	950	467	600	630	640
Linwood Township	20,216	22,800	26,900	31,100	6,174	7,300	9,000	10,600	3,313	4,700	5,300	6,000
Nowthen	5,123	5,100	4,930	4,820	1,884	2,000	2,000	2,000	219	330	390	430
Oak Grove	4,443	4,590	5,100	5,500	1,450	1,600	1,860	2,100	318	500	590	680
Ramsey	8,031	8,600	9,500	10,400	2,744	3,100	3,600	4,100	741	920	980	1,000
St. Francis	23,668	26,400	30,700	34,700	8,033	9,400	11,300	13,000	4,779	6,200	7,000	7,600
Spring Lake Park (both counties)	7,218	8,200	10,400	12,600	2,520	3,100	4,100	5,100	1,537	2,200	2,550	2,900
	6,234	6,500	7,000	7,500	2,597	2,780	3,000	3,200	2,934	3,280	3,450	3,600