

Interim revisions to Council's forecasts

About today's topic

- Council's forecasts to 2030
- Interim revisions to forecasts over the past 12 months
- Additional revisions expected thru Comp Plan Updates

If <forecast>, then <plan>

- Forecasts provide a reasonable basis and yardstick for planning
- Concurrency of regional and local planning, services, infrastructure provision
 - Regional systems scaled and staged to accommodate forecasts
 - Local Plans accommodate the same growth forecasts

Business rules for forecasts

- Consistency in forecasts and assumptions
 - Regional Development Framework =
 - Water Resources Policy Plan =
 - Local Plans for 2020 and 2030
- Council and local planners working from the same numbers

Business rules for forecasts

- Forecasts are explicitly addressed in Comp Plan reviews
 - New growth expectations?
 - Regional System impacts or departures?

Interim revisions in 2008

- Chanhassen – re-balanced sewer-serviced (and unsewered) forecasts to reflect City’s CPU
 - Council action on 10/22/08
- Belle Plaine – increased employment forecasts at City’s request
 - Council action on 12/10/08
- Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community – record-keeping change to treat SMSC as separate record, outside Prior Lake city jurisdiction
 - No formal Council action on SMSC
 - Council action on Prior Lake CPU was 10/25/06

Working from the same numbers

- Local government notified in the letter that follows Council action
- Published forecast tables in Data Center and on website: annually updated
- Any other revisions will be queued for next update of the tables

Maintaining a fair balance

- Forecasts are conditional, subject to error
 - Actual growth will be lower (or higher) than local forecast *in some places* – but it's impossible to know 20 years ahead
- Council does not stand in the way of well-planned local growth
 - Allow forecasts that enable local planning
 - Negotiate reasonable expectations

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