

## CITY OF LAKELAND | 2015 System Statement and 2040 Comprehensive Plan

### Questions from City Staff – Metropolitan Council staff responses

1. When did the 9 months for a System Statement amendment start for Lakeland?

*This appears to be a misunderstanding. Cities have **60 days (calendar) following receipt of the System Statement to request a hearing for the purpose of amending the System Statement** – not 9 months. See Stats. 473.857 for reference. We have only one formal request for hearing being processed this year; which is to say that most questions, concerns, even disagreements are resolved between our staff and local staff. In your case, I don't see anything that would tell me you've missed an opportunity to resolve any issues via a hearing – I think most can be talked through starting now and worked out through the planning process. As a reminder, Updated Comp Plans are due for submittal by December 31, 2018.*

2. I can't find the "specific strategies for Rural Residential Communities" for Lakeland in the Local Planning Handbook...can you not only help me find it, but talk about which strategies might apply to us?

*<http://metro council.org/Handbook/Files/Thrive-Summaries/Policy-RuralResidential.aspx>; - <http://lphonline.metc.state.mn.us/CommPage.aspx?ctu=2395609&applicant=Lakeland> These two links are what the System Statement is referring to at the bottom ¼ of page 1. The first link outlines strategies, roles, and general approaches to the plan specific to "Rural Residential" communities as well as all communities, and should be consulted as you go through the planning process. You're encouraged to register on your community page (second link) at your convenience to access updated information specific to Lakeland, and ultimately to go through the submittal and review process most conveniently. We can talk more on Thursday.*

3. "Lakeland does not have a share of the Region's need for low-moderate income housing" Does this mean that Lakeland should no longer participate in LCA, since the city would be unlikely to get any funding? Does Lakeland need to have a Housing Performance Score any more?

*The City is encouraged to continue to participate in LCA, as there is every possibility that potential projects in Lakeland could compete strongly for funding. Projects such as single-family rehabs, or cleanup of an old gas station for redevelopment have received funding before. The council will continue to calculate housing performance scores on a biennial basis. Having a low score isn't always a bad thing when competing for funds.*

4. TPP and Lakeland – I doesn't appear that anything in Ch 5 – Metro Highway System; Ch 6 – Transit System; and Ch 9 – Aviation System would require any changes from the 2010 Comp Plan – Are we missing elements that should be included in these sections of the 2020 Lakeland Comp Plan?

*That is correct, there aren't any changes from the 2010 comp plan. In general, the consultant should identify existing conditions/assets in and around Lakeland. Discuss the Gateway BRT and where residents can access, even though the line doesn't extend into the city limits.*

5. Regional Bike Transportation Network – Lakeland has 1 (Middle St Croix Valley Regional Trail Corridor) in Ch 7 of the TPP, but it depends on Washington County’s layout of that bike “link” and Metro Council’s approval...what is the status of that link and how does the City account for this in the Comp Plan?

*Identify and address that there is a Tier 2 corridor of the RBTN in the city of Lakeland. The minimum requirements are in the LPH, with respect to bike/ped. There is no regional trail in Lakeland, as shown in the Parks Policy Plan.*

6. Does Lakeland need to reference the Gateway Corridor Bus Rapid Transit, even though it’s planned to end b/f it reaches Lakeland?

*Acknowledge Gateway Corridor and that residents from Lakeland would be able to use the Park and Ride at Manning Ave. for transit service.*

7. It’s hard to tell from these maps, but are there planned improvements on I94/Bridge that Lakeland will need to account for in its Comp Plan?

*MNDOT has no expansion plans on the bridge*

8. Ch 8 – Freight – what does Lakeland need to do to comply with “plan for freight movement”?  
*Acknowledge existing conditions, I-94 is a major truck route from the TC to Chicago. Trucks may enter/exit @ TH 95. Furthermore, there is a weigh station, just outside of Lakeland property limits, and identify that weigh station.*
9. On p 14, it looks like there’s a project on CSAH 95 (above I94) that will involve Lakeland...what is that road project and how should Lakeland account for it in the Comp Plan?

*It should be TH 95, the project is a maintenance project, no need to mention.*

10. The System Statement says “Consult WPP, Thrive 2040, and the Local Planning Handbook for specific info needed for the Water part of the Comp Plan” – Thoughts on what Lakeland will need to do to comply? Are the Local Water Supply Plans to be included in the Comp Plan?

*Water supply plans are a chapter of comp plans; The Lakeland local water supply plan is due on December 31, 2016. The plan should be submitted through the [DNR MPARS website](#). DNR will send a copy to Met Council for inclusion with the comprehensive plan. Metropolitan Council staff, as well as DNR, are available to assist with the completion of the local water supply plan. Lanya Ross would be the MC go-to person on this issue.*

*Regarding water supply map information to prioritize: focusing on Figure 5 in the system statement is advised. The local water supply plan and larger comprehensive plan should acknowledge the [MDH-delineated Special Well and Boring Construction Area](#), the moderate to high vulnerability of the [Drinking Water Supply Management Area](#), and the [DNR-designated Ground Water Management Area](#). Above hyperlinks to websites where more information (including maps) can be downloaded.*

11. What does Lakeland have to put in the Comp Plan (p 22) on sewer other than they've adopted the State regs related to the installation/location of SSTS and Privates Systems?

*In reviewing the Wastewater System Plan Element requirements (p.83 of the Water Resource Policy Plan) for Areas not served by the Regional System, in addition to reference of local adoption of the State/County regulations related to SSTS' and private systems, the city needs to:*

*1. Provide a map showing the locations of existing public and private treatment systems, including any package treatment plants and communal on-site systems. This includes a count and map of individual SSTS', and,*

*2. Map of non-conforming systems, or systems with known problems*

12. The maps on pp. 26-30 are tough to read (they really all are) - Is there anything related to Lakeland that needs to be addressed?

*The City is encouraged to incorporate each of these maps at a local scale in order to acknowledge the water resources circumstances in play in the community. Some additional thoughts:*

- The City lies within the Middle St. Croix WMO, thus Plan should reflect appropriate policies/programs/etc. (Map on p. 27)*
- The St. Croix River is designated as an Impared Water Body by 2014 Draft MPCA 303(d), and thus the city's plan needs to refer to and integrate applicable plans, policies, programs, etc. to mitigate additional impacts (Map on p. 27)*
- There is substantial interaction between the St. Croix River and the regional groundwater system in Lakeland (including small areas of recharge, and small areas of receipt and discharge of groundwater). This interaction needs to be documented in the plan.*