

# RESOLVING DISAGREEMENTS OVER SYSTEM STATEMENTS

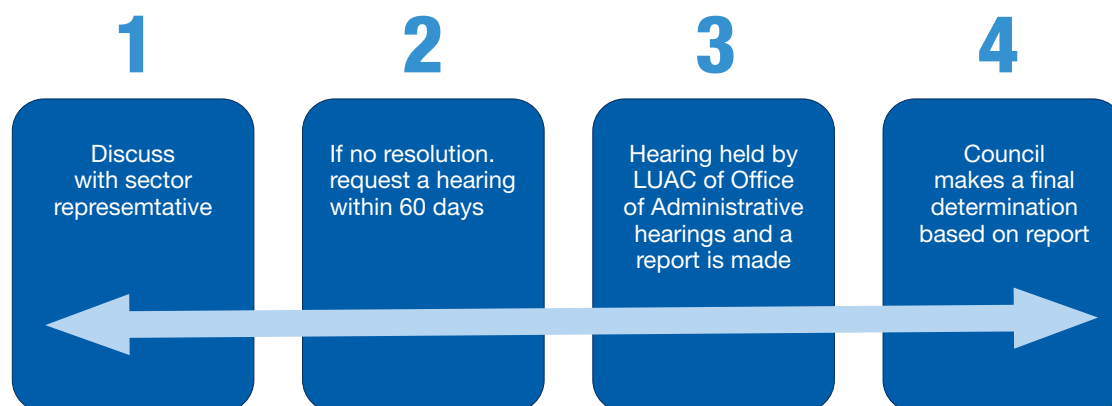
## LOCAL PLANNING HANDBOOK

To assist communities as they review and prepare comprehensive plans updates, the Council prepares system statements after adoption of the regional development guide and when the Council amends or modifies a metropolitan system plan. These statements are individualized reports for each community which summarize the regional development guide (Imagine 2050) and policy plans. These include information related to transportation, including highways, transit routes and facilities, and aviation; water resources, including metropolitan sewer service, subsurface treatment systems, and surface water; regional parks and trails; community designations; forecasted growth; affordable housing allocations; and climate considerations.

According to [Minnesota Statute](#), the Council sends system statements to each city, township, and county (local governments) in the region, except Hanover, New Prague, Northfield, and Rockford.

### RESOLVING DISAGREEMENTS OVER SYSTEM STATEMENTS

if questions or concerns come up after the council issues system statements, contacting your sector representative first and most important step, as most issues have been resolved at this stage.



However, if a disagreement over the content of a system statement can't be resolved through discussions with Council staff, a local government may request a hearing. The process for reconciliation procedures are defined and described in [statute](#).

To request a hearing on the content of a system statement, the local government must take the following steps:

1. Make the request within 60 days of receiving the system statement;
2. Provide a resolution request;
3. Provide a description of the disagreement;
4. Provide specified proposed amendments to the system statement.

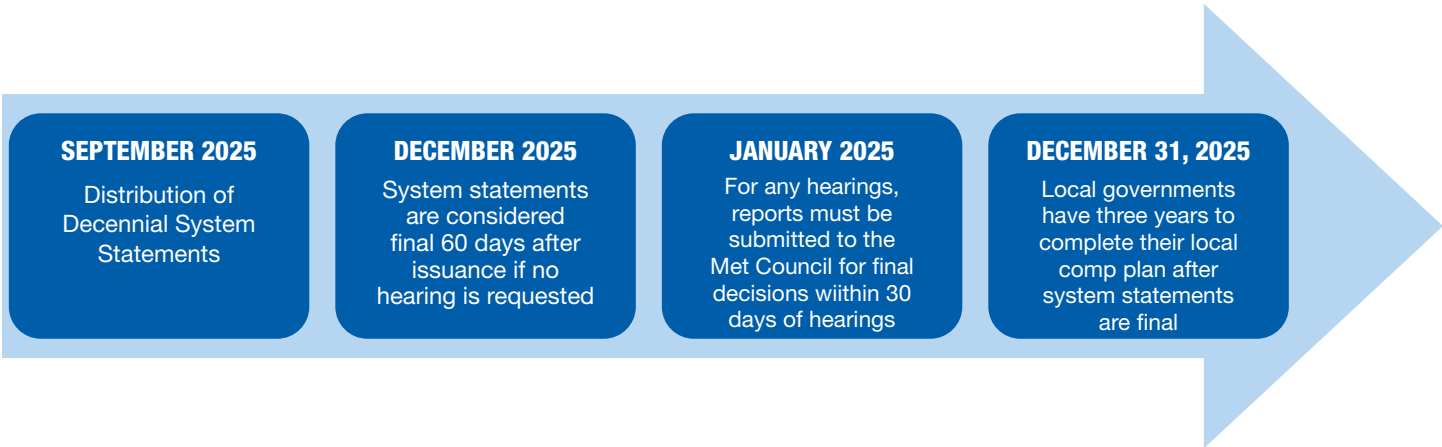
The hearing is to consider proposed amendments to the system statement. At a hearing, people may testify and present evidence on proposed amendments. The hearing may consider the need for reasonableness of the system plans. The Council's Land Use Advisory Committee or an administrative law judge at the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings may conduct the hearing.

A hearing must be held within 60 days after a request unless the Council and the local government both agree to extend or suspend the 60-day deadline. Hearings on related requests will be combined.

Within 30 days after the hearing, the Land Use Advisory Committee or administrative law judge report to the Council on proposed amendments to a system statement. The report includes findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations. The costs of a hearing will be divided between the local government and the Council.

Within 30 days of receiving the report, the Council makes a final decision on the proposed amendments.

At any time after a request for a hearing, the Council and the local government may agree to settle the disagreement.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For more information on this report contact your Sector Representative. You can find your Sector Representative information on our site [here](#).