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Allows a local government to challenge the reasonableness of a metropolitan system plan or part of one when objecting to a system statement. Effective the day after enactment for system statements prepared on or after that date.

Under current law and broadly speaking, the Metropolitan Land Planning Act provides for:

- council preparation of the metropolitan development guide (known currently as Thrive 2040), developed with public hearings (Minn. Stat. § 473.145);
- council preparation of regional systems plans for wastewater collection and treatment, transportation, and parks and open space (Minn. Stat. §§ 473.146, 473.147);
- council preparation of a system statement for each local government to use in preparing the local comprehensive plan (Minn. Stat. § 473.856 et seq.); and
- local preparation of local comprehensive plans that are reviewed by the Council with regard to systems plans (Minn. Stat. § 473.858 et seq).

A system statement contains information that the Council determines necessary for the local government to consider in reviewing its local comprehensive plan. Minn. Stat. § 473.856. A local government has three years to review and update its plan after receiving the system statement as part of the ten-year update.

A local government may request a hearing to consider amendments to the system statement. Minn. Stat. § 473.857, subd. 1. While able to challenge the system statement, the local government cannot challenge the system plan.