



## MEMORANDUM

To: Planned Growth Committee

From: Mindy Brooks, Sr. Long Range Planner

Date: January 6, 2023

Subject: Population Forecast and Meeting Dates

Attachment: A. 2023 Planned Growth Committee Scope of Work  
B. Approach to Selecting and Allocating Population Projections  
[C. Appendix B of the Countywide Planning Policies](#)  
D. Planned Growth Committee Bylaws

The first Planned Growth Committee meeting will be on **January 18, 2023 at 1:00pm** in the Historic Lewis County Courthouse in the hearings room or on Zoom (please see email for Zoom link). The topic of the first meeting will be Department of Commerce presentation on periodic review and the grant, followed by a Lewis County presentation on legislative changes since 2017 that will need to be addressed during periodic update.

While not on the agenda for discussion until the February 1 meeting, Office of Financial Management (OFM) has released a *preliminary* 20-year population forecast. For reference, the 2022 estimate population of Lewis County was 83,400. The range of Lewis County population projected for 2045 is: High – 105,122; Medium (most likely) – 94,187; Low – 81,192. Note – The high and low are a statistical deviations, not an actual projection; only the medium is an actual projection. That means over the next 20 years Lewis County as a whole is likely to add 10,787 people.

Attachment B includes a memo with an Approach to Selection and Allocation Population Projections. This is a crucial first step to the comprehensive plan periodic update, because the adopted population is what each jurisdiction must plan to accommodate by 2045. For reference, the current population projections, adopted in 2017, can be found in Attachment C, Countywide Planning Policies, on the last page. We are providing this early so each jurisdiction can begin to prepare for the February discussion on the population allocations.

If you have questions about the 2023 Scope of Work, January meeting topics or OFM population projections, please contact Mindy Brooks, [mindy.brooks@lewiscountywa.gov](mailto:mindy.brooks@lewiscountywa.gov). If you have questions about the meeting time, date or location, including connecting via Zoom, please contact Megan Sathre, [megan.sathre@lewiscountywa.gov](mailto:megan.sathre@lewiscountywa.gov).