



July 8, 2022

Mr. Ivan Butts
President
National Association of Postal Supervisors
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Dear Mr. Butts:

This is in further reference to our previous correspondence concerning the announcement of the award of a 10-year contract to Oshkosh Defense to manufacture the Next Generation Delivery Vehicle (NGDV). As noted in our February 24, 2021 correspondence concerning this matter, the NGDV, along with other commercial vehicles, will replace and expand the current delivery fleet of Long Life Vehicles (LLV).

The Postal Service has ordered the first 50,000 NGDVs, including 10,019 battery powered vehicles and 39,981 vehicles with internal combustion engines. Beginning in August, survey design contractors will visit some delivery units to ensure the NGDVs, which are larger than LLVs, have room to maneuver and park.

Enclosed for your review are copies of the *July Stand-Up Talk – NGDV* and the *USPS Next Generation Delivery Vehicle FAQ Sheet*.

Please contact Bruce Nicholson at extension 7773 if you have questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Lloyd".

James Lloyd
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Enclosures

Mandatory Stand-Up Talk

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Update on Next Generation Delivery Vehicles

The Postal Service is moving forward with its plan to replace our aging fleet with Next Generation Delivery Vehicles, also known as NGDVs.

The NGDVs will offer air conditioning, improved ergonomics, air bags, automatic braking and more.

This year, we ordered the first 50,000 NGDVs, including 10,019 battery powered vehicles and 39,981 vehicles with internal combustion engines.

We're working closely with Oshkosh Defense, the company manufacturing the vehicles, to test them and make sure they meet federal safety standards when they hit the road next year.

Starting next month, survey design contractors will visit some USPS delivery units to ensure the NGDVs — which are larger than the LLVs they're replacing — have room to maneuver and park.

During these visits, the teams will also be assessing the site's electrical capabilities since the electric battery powered NGDVs will require the installation of charging equipment.

If you see these activities at our office or one nearby, just know that these folks are helping us gather important information.

We'll provide additional information about the Next Generation Delivery Vehicles in the coming weeks and months.

This program is an important part of our Delivering for America plan to modernize the Postal Service, and we want to make sure you have all the information you need, so stay tuned.

Thanks for listening, and thanks for helping USPS to continue driving forward.

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FAQ USPS Next Generation Delivery Vehicles

What are NGDVs?

Next Generation Delivery Vehicles (NGDVs) are right-hand drive, purpose-built vehicles with specific features designed to support Postal Service employees in efficiently delivering mail. The NGDVs, along with other vehicles, will replace the Postal Service's existing fleet of delivery vehicles, many of which have been in service for more than 30 years.

Why are NGDVs important?

The rollout of NGDVs is a cornerstone of the Postal Service's Delivering for America 10-year strategic plan. The acquisition of these vehicles will allow current vehicles to be removed from service at a much faster pace while providing enhanced operational and safety features using current technology. The vehicles will help USPS continue to meet its universal service obligation to deliver mail to every address six, sometimes seven, days a week.



How do NGDVs differ from Long Life Vehicles (LLVs)?

The increased cargo capacity of NGDVs provides the ability for carriers to stand up in the cargo area, as well as folding shelves and other design features to maximize efficiency and better accommodate higher mail and package volumes.

NGDVs also offer increased payload, an additional right-side exit sliding cargo door, a 360-degree camera, antilock brakes, airbags, traction control, a backup camera, a carrier scanning device charger and display interface, automatic braking, front and rear collision avoidance technology, front and rear bumper sensors, keyless entry/ignition and advanced telematics capability.

This chart shows differences in sizes between the two vehicles:

Vehicle	Cargo space	Length	Width	Height
NGDV	263 cubic feet	235.8 inches	85.5 inches	111 inches
LLV	121 cubic feet	175.5 inches	76 inches	85 inches

Who is manufacturing the NGDVs?

The Postal Service has awarded a contract to Oshkosh Defense to manufacture NGDVs; the production contract calls for the delivery of between 50,000 and 165,000 vehicles during a 10-year period. On March 24, 2022, USPS placed its initial NGDV delivery order with Oshkosh Defense at a cost of \$2.98 billion. The first order is for 50,000 vehicles — a minimum of which will be for 10,019 battery electric vehicles.

When and where will the first NGDVs be deployed?

NGDVs are expected to hit the streets in late 2023, but the Postal Service has not yet determined where the rollout will begin.

Will every carrier receive a new vehicle?

No.

How will USPS determine where the vehicles are deployed, and which routes/offices will receive them first?

The Postal Service will prioritize the deployment of NGDVs by route, addressing length of route, the number of curbside delivery stops, extreme hot and cold environments, and snow levels.

Will the deployment of new vehicles be divided between both city and rural routes?

NGDVs will be deployed based on route mileage, number of curbside delivery points and climate conditions, not necessarily by city and rural route status.

Look for more information about NGDVs in the weeks to come.