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April 17, 2024

#### Board Memo 055-2024: Notice to Facilities Regarding MPFR Results

## **Executive Board,**

NAPS HQ has been provided from the USPS results based on Mail Processing Facility Reviews (MPFR) at five Processing and Distribution Centers (P&DC). The reviews resulted in keeping the facilities listed below open and modernized as Local Processing Centers (LPC). Stand-Up Talks will be provided to employees at the five locations mentioned below.

- Abilene, TX P&DC into North Texas, TX P&DC
- Brockton, MA P&DC into Providence, RI P&DC
- Casper, WY P&DC into Billings, MT P&DC
- Grand Junction, CO P&DC into Denver, CO P&DC
- Midland, TX P&DC into Amarillo, TX P&DC
- Peoria, IL P&DC into South Suburban, IL P&DC
- Yakima, WA P&DC into Seattle, WA P&DC

Thank you, and be safe.

NAPS Headquarters



April 16, 2024

Mr. Ivan Butts President National Association of Postal Supervisors 1727 King Street, Suite 400 Alexandria, VA 22314-2753 Certified Mail Number 9589 0710 5270 0684 7682 79

#### Dear Ivan:

This is in further reference to the Postal Service's January 10 correspondence (enclosed) regarding its intent to conduct Mail Processing Facility Reviews (MPFR) in the following locations:

- Abilene, Texas (TX)
- Brockton, Massachusetts (MA)
- Casper, Wyoming (WY)
- Grand Junction, Colorado (CO)
- Midland, Texas (TX)
- Peoria, Illinois (IL)
- Yakima, Washington (WA)

The reviews were conducted of the following facilities to determine whether efficiency and/or service could be improved by consolidating mail processing operations into other facilities:

- Abilene, TX P&DC to North Texas, TX P&DC
- Brockton, MA P&DC to Providence, Rhode Island (RI) P&DC
- Casper, WY P&DC to Billings, Montana (MT) P&DC
- Grand Junction, CO P&DC to Denver, CO P&DC
- Midland, TX P&DC to Amarillo, TX P&DC
- Peoria, IL P&DC to South Suburban, IL P&DC
- Yakima, WA P&DC to Seattle, WA P&DC

The results of the facility reviews support keeping the seven facilities open and modernized as Local Processing Centers (LPC's). The reviews support transferring some mail processing operations.

There will be no career employee layoffs as part of this initiative. All career bargaining unit employee reassignments, as well as any reduction in the number of non-career employees, will be made in accordance with Article 12 of the respective collective bargaining agreement.

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### Abilene, TX P&DC

The Postal Service will invest up to \$7.0 million in the Abilene LPC, which will result in expanded and streamlined package and mail processing and distribution capabilities for the facility. These investments include \$3.1 million for modernization efforts and deferred maintenance. For example, these funds will be used for new workplace amenities for employees such as new lighting, renovated bathrooms, and breakrooms. To help improve delivery services, investments totaling \$3.9 million will be made to locate a Flex Rover Sorter Quad into the facility.

Once changes are implemented, Business mail entry, Post Office, station, and branch retail services are not expected to change, and delivery services will be enhanced. It is also anticipated that the Abilene facility will maintain the following destinating operations once converted to the LPC:

- Destinating packages
- Destinating letters and flats
- Destinating bundles
- Manual letters and flats
- Express
- Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU)

We do expect there will be some impacts to staffing with Originating operations moving to the North Texas P&DC. We anticipate this to impact the following career positions at the Abilene P&DC:

- 21 Craft
- 2 Management

## Brockton, MA P&DC

The Postal Service will invest up to \$8.5 million in the Brockton LPC, which will result in expanded and streamlined package and mail processing and distribution capabilities for the facility. These investments include \$7 million for modernization efforts and deferred maintenance. For example, these funds will be used for new workplace amenities for employees such as new lighting, renovated bathrooms, and breakrooms. To help improve delivery services, investments totaling \$1.5 million will be made to locate a High-Speed Tray Sorter into the facility.

Once changes are implemented, Business mail entry, Post Office, station, and branch retail services are not expected to change, and delivery services will be enhanced. It is also anticipated that the Brockton facility will maintain the following destinating operations once converted to the LPC:

- Destinating packages
- Destinating letters and flats
- Destinating bundles
- Manual letters and flats
- Express
- Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU)

We do expect there will be some impacts to staffing with Originating operations moving to the Providence P&DC. We anticipate this to impact the following career positions at the Brockton P&DC:

- 7 Craft
- 3 Management

## Casper, WY P&DC

The Postal Service will invest up to \$5.7 million in the Casper LPC, which will result in expanded and streamlined package and mail processing and distribution capabilities for the facility. These investments include \$1.8 million for modernization efforts and deferred maintenance. For example, these funds will be used for new workplace amenities for employees such as new lighting, renovated bathrooms, and breakrooms. To help improve delivery services, investments totaling \$3.9 million will be made to locate a Flex Rover Sorter Quad into the facility.

The facility will feature evolving USPS self-service tools and technology to give customers added services and new choices in how they ship and receive packages, including Smart Lockers, which are a keyless, self-service delivery solution that allows package shippers and package recipients to send and receive packages direct to a Post Office Smart Locker location.

Once changes are implemented, Business mail entry, Post Office, station, and branch retail services are not expected to change, and delivery services will be enhanced. It is also anticipated that the Casper facility will maintain the following destinating operations once converted to the LPC:

- Destinating packages
- · Destinating letters and flats
- Destinating bundles
- Manual letters and flats
- Express
- Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU)

We do expect there will be some impacts to staffing with Originating operations moving to the Billings P&DC. We anticipate this to impact the following career positions at the Casper P&DC:

- 15 Craft
- 1 Management

#### Grand Junction, CO P&DC

The Postal Service will invest up to \$6.3 million in the Grand Junction LPC, which will result in expanded and streamlined package and mail processing and distribution capabilities for the facility. These investments include \$2.4 million for modernization efforts and deferred maintenance. For example, these funds will be used for new workplace amenities for employees such as new lighting, renovated bathrooms, and breakrooms. To help improve delivery services, investments totaling \$3.9 million will be made to locate a Flex Rover Sorter Quad into the facility.

Once changes are implemented, Business mail entry, Post Office, station, and branch retail services are not expected to change, and delivery services will be enhanced. It is also anticipated

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- Destinating packages
- Destinating letters and flats
- Manual letters and flats
- Express
- Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU)

We do expect there will be some impacts to staffing with Originating operations moving to the Denver P&DC. We anticipate this to impact the following career positions at the Grand Junction P&DC:

- 31 Craft
- 1 Management

### Midland, TX P&DC

The Postal Service will invest up to \$13.2 million in the Midland LPC, which will result in expanded and streamlined package and mail processing and distribution capabilities for the facility. These investments include \$4.3 million for modernization efforts and deferred maintenance. For example, these funds will be used for new workplace amenities for employees such as new lighting, renovated bathrooms, and breakrooms. To help improve delivery services, investments totaling \$3.9 million will be made to locate a Flex Rover Sorter Quad into the facility.

In addition, consolidating plant operations will allow the Midland LPC to be co-located with a Sorting and Delivery Center (S&DC). These facilities will allow the Postal Service to provide faster and more reliable mail and package delivery over a greater geographic area. S&DCs will have upgraded sorting equipment, offer Same Day or Next Day delivery options, and provide better facilities for Postal Service employees.

S&DCs will be equipped with the necessary infrastructure to support the deployment of the Postal Service's new Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) and charging stations. In locations where BEVs will be used, the Postal Service will upgrade and develop the infrastructure required for their effective deployment. Based on the average deployment numbers at S&DCs, new vehicle investment in BEVs is around \$5 million per site. The S&DC that will be co-located with the Midland LPC will have 72 delivery routes that are eligible to be serviced by BEVs.

The S&DC will also feature evolving USPS's self-service tools and technology to give customers added services and new choices in how they ship and receive packages.

Once changes are implemented, Business mail entry, Post Office, station, and branch retail services are not expected to change, and delivery services will be enhanced. It is also anticipated that the Midland facility will maintain the following destinating operations once converted to the LPC:

- Destinating packages
- Destinating letters and flats
- Destinating bundles
- Manual letters and flats
- Express
- Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU)

475 L'ENFANT PLAZA SW WASHINGTON, DC 20260-4101 WWW.USPS.COM We do expect there will be some impacts to staffing with Originating operations moving to the Amarillo P&DC. We anticipate this to impact the following career positions at the Midland P&DC:

- 10 Craft
- 2 Management

### Peoria, IL P&DC

The Postal Service will invest up to \$8.8 million in the Peoria LPC, which will result in expanded and streamlined package and mail processing and distribution capabilities for the facility. These investments include \$3.8 million for modernization efforts and deferred maintenance. For example, these funds will be used for new workplace amenities for employees such as new lighting, renovated bathrooms, and breakrooms.

In addition, consolidating plant operations will allow the Peoria LPC to be co-located with a Sorting and Delivery Center (S&DC). These facilities will allow the Postal Service to provide faster and more reliable mail and package delivery over a greater geographic area. S&DCs will have upgraded sorting equipment, offer Same Day or Next Day delivery options, and provide better facilities for Postal Service employees.

S&DCs will be equipped with the necessary infrastructure to support the deployment of the Postal Service's new Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) and charging stations. In locations where BEVs will be used, the Postal Service will upgrade and develop the infrastructure required for their effective deployment. Based on the average deployment numbers at S&DCs, new vehicle investment in BEVs is around \$5 million per site. The S&DC that will be co-located with the Peoria LPC will have 149 delivery routes that are eligible to be serviced by BEVs.

The S&DC will also feature evolving USPS's self-service tools and technology to give customers added services and new choices in how they ship and receive packages.

Once changes are implemented, Business mail entry, Post Office, station, and branch retail services are not expected to change, and delivery services will be enhanced. It is also anticipated that the Peoria facility will maintain the following destinating operations once converted to the LPC:

- Destinating packages
- Destinating letters and flats
- Destinating bundles
- Manual letters and flats
- Express
- Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU)

We do expect there will be some impacts to staffing with Originating operations moving to the South Suburban P&DC in Bedford Park, IL. We anticipate this to impact the following career positions at the Peoria P&DC:

- 16 Craft
- 0 Management

#### Yakima, WA P&DC

The Postal Service will invest up to \$4.3 million in the Yakima LPC, which will result in expanded and streamlined package and mail processing and distribution capabilities for the facility. These investments include \$1.9 million for modernization efforts and deferred maintenance. For example, these funds will be used for new workplace amenities for employees such as new lighting, renovated bathrooms, and breakrooms. To help improve delivery services, investments totaling \$2.4 million will be made to locate a Flex Rover Sorter into the facility.

The facility will feature evolving USPS self-service tools and technology to give customers added services and new choices in how they ship and receive packages, including Smart Lockers, which are a keyless, self-service delivery solution that allows package shippers and package recipients to send and receive packages direct to a Post Office Smart Locker location.

Once changes are implemented, Business mail entry, Post Office, station, and branch retail services are not expected to change, and delivery services will be enhanced. It is also anticipated that the Yakima facility will maintain the following destinating operations once converted to the LPC:

- Destinating packages
- · Destinating letters and flats
- Destinating bundles
- Manual letters and flats
- Express
- Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU)

We do not expect there will be any impacts to staffing with Originating operations moving to the Spokane P&DC.

Enclosed are stand-up talks that will be provided to employees at the eight facilities and press releases that will be announced later today.

Sincerely

Bruce A. Nicholson

Director

Labor Relations Policies and Programs

**Enclosures** 



January 10, 2024

Mr. Ivan Butts President National Association of Postal Supervisors 1727 King Street, Suite 400 Alexandria, VA 22314-2753

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Dear Ivan:

This is an informational notice of the Postal Service's intent to conduct Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) studies in:

Abilene, Texas (TX)	Midland, Texas (TX)
Bemidji, Minnesota (MN)	Missoula, Montana (MT)
Brockton, Massachusetts (MA)	North Platte, Nebraska (NE)
Burlington, Vermont (VT)	Peoria, Illinois (IL)
Casper, Wyoming (WY)	Quad Cities, Illinois (IL)
Champaign, Illinois (IL)	Raleigh, North Carolina (NC)
Charleston, South Carolina (SC)	Reno, Nevada (NV)
Corpus Christi, Texas (TX)	Santa Barbara, California (CA)
Fresno, California (CA)	Sioux Falls, South Dakota (SD)
Grand Junction, Colorado (CO)	South Jersey, New Jersey (NJ)
Gulfport, Mississippi (MS)	Springfield, Illinois (IL)
Iron Mountain, Michigan (MI)	Tulsa, Oklahoma (OK)
Johnstown, Pennsylvania (PA)	Waterloo, Iowa (IA)
Manchester, New Hampshire (NH)	White River Junction, Vermont (VT)
McAllen, Texas (TX)	Yakima, Washington (WA)

In accordance with Handbook PO-408, *Mail Processing Facility Review*, an MPFR determines the feasibility of changing mail processing operations to improve operational efficiency and/or service. An MPFR involves the consolidation of all originating and/or destinating distribution operations from one or more Post Offices/facilities into other automated processing facilities for the purpose of improving operational efficiency and/or service. The intent is to use Postal Service equipment, facilities, staff work hours and transportation more efficiently.

Specifically, feasibility studies will be conducted at thirty mail processing facilities to determine whether efficiency and/or service could be improved by consolidating some mail processing operations into other mail processing facilities. A list of the thirty facilities that will be studied is enclosed.

Enclosed are the Notices of Intent, Press Releases, Stand-Up Talks and Frequently Asked Questions that will be distributed today for the thirty facilities that will be studied.

Please contact Paulita Wimbush at extension 4042 if you have questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Bruce A. Nicholson

Director

Labor Relations Policies and Programs

**Enclosures** 

Facilities to Be Studied (MPFR)	Transfer Some Operations to
ABILENE TX P&DC	NORTH TEXAS TX P&DC
BEMIDJI MN P&DC	FARGO ND P&DC
BROCKTON MA P&DC	PROVIDENCE RI P&DC
BURLINGTON VT P&DC	HARTFORD CT P&DC
CASPER WY P&DC	BILLINGS MT P&DC
CHAMPAIGN IL P&DC	SOUTH SUBURBAN IL P&DC CHICAGO SOUTH IL RPDC
CHARLESTON SC P&DC	COLUMBIA SC P&DC
CORPUS CHRISTI TX P&DC	SAN ANTONIO TX P&DC
FRESNO CA P&DC	SACRAMENTO CA P&DC
GRAND JUNCTION CO P&DC	DENVER CO P&DC
GULFPORT MS P&DC	JACKSON MS P&DC
IRON MOUNTAIN MI P&DC	GREEN BAY WI P&DC
JOHNSTOWN PA P&DC	PITTSBURGH PA P&DC
MANCHESTER NH P&DC	BOSTON MA P&DC SOUTHERN ME P&DC
MCALLEN TX P&DC	SAN ANTONIO TX P&DC
MIDLAND TX P&DC	AMARILLO TX P&DC
MISSOULA MT P&DC	SPOKANE WA P&DC
NORTH PLATTE NE P&DC	DENVER CO P&DC
PEORIA IL P&DC	SOUTH SUBURBAN IL P&DC
QUAD CITIES IL P&DC	DES MOINES IA P&DC
RALEIGH NC P&DC	GREENSBORO RPDC
RENO NV P&DC	SACRAMENTO CA P&DC
SANTA BARBARA CA P&DC	SANTA CLARITA CA P&DC
SIOUX FALLS SD P&DC	OMAHA NE P&DC
SO JERSEY NJ P&DC	PHILADELPHIA PA P&DC
SPRINGFIELD IL P&DC	ST LOUIS MO P&DC
TULSA OK P&DC	OKLAHOMA CITY OK P&DC
VATERLOO IA P&DC	DES MOINES IA P&DC
VHITE RIVER JUNC VT P&DC	HARTFORD CT P&DC
AKIMA WA P&DC	SEATTLE WA P&DC



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## USPS to Improve Mail Operations at Yakima Processing Facility

Facility to remain open and modernized as a Local Processing Center to improve mail and package flow through the region

USPS to invest up to \$4.3 million in this facility as part of 10-year Delivering for America plan to modernize the nation's aging postal network

### There will be no career employee layoffs

YAKIMA, WA — As part of a \$40 billion investment strategy to upgrade and improve the Postal processing, transportation, and delivery networks, the United States Postal Service announced its plan to modernize mail operations at its Yakima Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) in Yakima, WA.

The announcement comes following a thorough business review and solicitation of public feedback on the facility's future. In addition to determining the facility will remain open and modernized as a Local Processing Center (LPC), the business case supports transferring mail processing outgoing operations to the Spokane P&DC in Spokane, WA. Currently, a majority of packages are destined outside the Yakima area to the rest of the world.

The investment in the Yakima facility is a part of the Postal Service's 10-year Delivering for America (DFA) plan to improve organizational and operational processes and actively make the Postal Service an efficient, high-performing, world class logistics and delivery provider.

The Postal Service will invest up to \$4.3 million in the Yakima LPC, which will result in expanded and streamlined package and mail processing and distribution capabilities for the facility. These investments include \$1.9 million for modernization efforts and deferred maintenance. For example, these funds will be used for new workplace amenities for Postal Service employees such as new lighting and renovated bathrooms and breakrooms. To help improve delivery services, investments totaling \$2.4 million will be made to locate a Flex Rover Sorter into the facility.

The facility will feature evolving USPS self-service tools and technology to give customers added services and new choices in how they ship and receive packages, including Smart Lockers, which are a keyless, self-service delivery solution that allows package shippers and package recipients to send and receive packages direct to a Post Office Smart Locker location.

The Postal Service also announced there will be no career layoffs as part of this initiative. All career bargaining unit reassignments, as well as any reduction in any number of pre-career employees, will be made in accordance with respective collective bargaining agreements. As part of its strategy, the Postal Service is enhancing package processing and shipping capacity, which may result in increased plant activity and the need for additional support in the future.

Once changes are implemented, Business mail entry, Post Office, station, and branch retail services are not expected to change, and delivery services will be enhanced. After the Yakima facility is converted to an LPC, it is anticipated that it will be able to mail and ship packages, manual letters and flats. The LPC is also anticipated to offer express services and accept bulk and permit mail.

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## STAND-UP TALK DECISION TO PROCEED ON YAKIMA P&DC MAIL PROCESSING FACILITY REVIEW

On January 10, 2024, we notified you that we were beginning a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) at the Yakima Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) in Yakima, WA, to see if it would make sense to transfer some mail operations into the Spokane P&DC in Spokane, WA.

The results of the facility review support keeping the Yakima facility open and modernized as a Local Processing Center (LPC). Additionally, the business case supports transferring mail processing outgoing operations to the Spokane P&DC. Currently, a majority of packages are destined outside the Yakima area to the rest of the world.

This effort is a part of the Postal Service's 10-year Delivering for America (DFA) plan to improve organizational and operational processes and actively make the Postal Service an efficient, high-performing, world class logistics and delivery provider. Improvements to Postal operations in Yakima will enhance the level of service provided to the public; drive innovation and enable a broader array of postal products and services; enhance organizational competitiveness; improve efficiency and lower the cost to operate; and provide better workplaces and careers for Postal Service employees.

The Postal Service will invest up to \$4.3 million in the Yakima LPC, which will result in expanded and streamlined package and mail processing and distribution capabilities for the facility. These investments include \$1.9 million for modernization efforts and deferred maintenance. For example, these funds will be used for new workplace amenities for Postal Service employees such as new lighting and renovated bathrooms and breakrooms. To help improve delivery services, investments totaling \$2.4 million will be made to locate a Flex Rover Sorter into the facility.

The facility will feature evolving USPS self-service tools and technology to give customers added services and new choices in how they ship and receive packages, including Smart Lockers, which are a keyless, self-service delivery solution that allows package shippers and package recipients to send and receive packages direct to a Post Office Smart Locker location.

There will be no career employee layoffs as part of this initiative. All career bargaining unit reassignments, as well as any reduction in any number of pre-career employees, will be made in accordance with Article 12 of the respective collective bargaining agreements. As part of its strategy, the Postal Service is enhancing package processing and shipping capacity, which may result in increased plant activity and the need for additional support in the future.

We do not expect there will be any impacts to staffing with Originating operations moving to the Spokane P&DC.

Once again, we want to emphasize that there will be no career employee layoffs as part of this initiative.

Once changes are implemented, Business mail entry, Post Office, station, and branch retail services are not expected to change, and delivery services will be enhanced. It is also anticipated that the Yakima facility will maintain the following destinating operations once converted to the LPC:

- Destinating packages
- Destinating letters and flats
- Destinating bundles
- Manual letters and flats
- Express
- Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU)

The future Yakima LPC and Spokane P&DC will be critical nodes in our network transformation plan. As part of this work, our goal is to reach 95% on-time delivery for all mail products.

We will keep you informed about any future developments regarding this MPFR implementation.



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## USPS to Improve Mail Operations at Peoria Processing Facility

Facility to remain open and modernized as a Local Processing Center to improve mail and package flow through the region

USPS to invest up to \$8.8 million in this facility as part of 10-year Delivering for America plan to modernize the nation's aging postal network

### There will be no career employee layoffs

PEORIA, IL. — As part of a \$40 billion investment strategy to upgrade and improve the Postal processing, transportation, and delivery networks, the United States Postal Service announced its plan to modernize mail operations at its Peoria Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) in Peoria IL.

The announcement comes following a thorough business review and solicitation of public feedback on the facility's future. In addition to determining the facility will remain open and modernized as a Local Processing Center (LPC), the business case supports transferring mail processing outgoing operations to the South Suburban P&DC in Bedford Park, IL. Currently, a majority of mail is destined outside the Peoria to the rest of the world.

The investment in the Peoria facility is a part of the Postal Service's 10-year Delivering for America (DFA) plan to improve organizational and operational processes and actively make the Postal Service an efficient, high-performing, world class logistics and delivery provider.

The Postal Service will invest up to \$8.8 million in the Peoria LPC, which will result in expanded and streamlined package and mail processing and distribution capabilities for the facility. These investments include \$3.8 million for modernization efforts and deferred maintenance. For example, these funds will be used for new workplace amenities for Postal Service employees such as new lighting and renovated bathrooms and breakrooms.

In addition, consolidating plant operations will allow the Peoria LPC to be co-located with a Sorting and Delivery Center (S&DC). These facilities will allow the Postal Service to provide faster and more reliable mail and package delivery over a greater geographic area. S&DCs will have upgraded sorting equipment, offer Same Day or Next Day delivery options, and provide better facilities for Postal Service employees.

S&DCs will be equipped with the necessary infrastructure to support the deployment of the Postal Service's new Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) and charging stations. In locations where BEVs will be used, the Postal Service will upgrade and develop the infrastructure required for their effective deployment. Based on the average deployment numbers at S&DCs, new vehicle investment in BEVs is around \$5 million per site. The S&DC that will be co-located with the Peoria LPC will have 149 delivery routes that are eligible to be serviced by BEVs.

The S&DC will also feature evolving USPS's self-service tools and technology to give customers added services and new choices in how they ship and receive packages:

The Postal Service also announced there will be no career layoffs as part of this initiative. All career bargaining unit reassignments, as well as any reduction in any number of pre-career employees, will be made in accordance with respective collective bargaining agreements. As part of its strategy, the Postal Service is enhancing package processing and shipping capacity, which may result in increased plant activity and the need for additional support in the future.

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## STAND-UP TALK DECISION TO PROCEED ON PEORIA P&DC MAIL PROCESSING FACILITY REVIEW

On January 10, 2024, we notified you that we were beginning a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) at the Peoria Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) in Peoria, IL, to see if it would make sense to transfer some mail operations into the South Suburban P&DC in Bedford Park, IL.

The results of the facility review support keeping the Peoria facility open and modernized as a Local Processing Center (LPC). Additionally, the business case supports transferring mail processing outgoing operations to the South Suburban P&DC. Currently, a majority of mail is destined outside the Peoria area to the rest of the world.

This effort is a part of the Postal Service's 10-year Delivering for America (DFA) plan to improve organizational and operational processes and actively make the Postal Service an efficient, high-performing, world class logistics and delivery provider. Improvements to Postal operations in Peoria will enhance the level of service provided to the public; drive innovation and enable a broader array of postal products and services; enhance organizational competitiveness; improve efficiency and lower the cost to operate; and provide better workplaces and careers for Postal Service employees.

The Postal Service will invest up to \$8.8 million in the Peoria LPC, which will result in expanded and streamlined package and mail processing and distribution capabilities for the facility. These investments include \$3.8 million for modernization efforts and deferred maintenance. For example, these funds will be used for new workplace amenities for Postal Service employees such as new lighting and renovated bathrooms and breakrooms.

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The S&DC will also feature evolving USPS's self-service tools and technology to give customers added services and new choices in how they ship and receive packages:

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We do expect there will be some impacts to staffing with Originating operations moving to the South Suburban P&DC. We anticipate this to impact the following career positions at the Peoria P&DC:

- 16 Craft
- 0 Management

Once again, we want to emphasize that there will be no career employee layoffs as part of this initiative.

Once changes are implemented, Business mail entry, Post Office, station, and branch retail services are not expected to change, and delivery services will be enhanced. It is also anticipated that the Peoria facility will maintain the following destinating operations once converted to the LPC:

- Destinating packages
- Destinating letters and flats
- Destinating bundles
- Manual letters and flats
- Express
- Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU)

The future Peoria LPC and the South Suburban P&DC will be critical nodes in our network transformation plan. As part of this work, our goal is to reach 95% on-time delivery for all mail products.

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## USPS to Improve Mail Operations at Midland Processing Facility

Facility to remain open and modernized as a Local Processing Center to improve mail and package flow through the region

USPS to invest up to \$13.2 million in this facility as part of 10-year Delivering for America plan to modernize the nation's aging postal network

### There will be no career employee layoffs

MIDLAND, TX — As part of a \$40 billion investment strategy to upgrade and improve the Postal processing, transportation, and delivery networks, the United States Postal Service announced its plan to modernize mail operations at its Midland Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) in Midland, TX.

The announcement comes following a thorough business review and solicitation of public feedback on the facility's future. In addition to determining the facility will remain open and modernized as a Local Processing Center (LPC), the business case supports transferring mail processing outgoing operations to the Amarillo P&DC in Amarillo, TX. Currently, a majority of mail and packages are destined outside the Midland area to the rest of the world.

The investment in the Midland facility is a part of the Postal Service's 10-year Delivering for America (DFA) plan to improve organizational and operational processes and actively make the Postal Service an efficient, high-performing, world class logistics and delivery provider.

The Postal Service will invest up to \$13.2 million in the Midland LPC, which will result in expanded and streamlined package and mail processing and distribution capabilities for the facility. These investments include \$4.3 million for modernization efforts and deferred maintenance. For example, these funds will be used for new workplace amenities for Postal Service employees such as new lighting and renovated bathrooms and breakrooms. To help improve delivery services, investments totaling \$3.9 million will be made to locate a Flex Rover System Quad into the facility.

In addition, consolidating plant operations will allow the Midland LPC to be co-located with a Sorting and Delivery Center (S&DC). These facilities will allow the Postal Service to provide faster and more reliable mail and package delivery over a greater geographic area. S&DCs will have upgraded sorting equipment, offer Same Day or Next Day delivery options, and provide better facilities for Postal Service employees.

S&DCs will be equipped with the necessary infrastructure to support the deployment of the Postal Service's new Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) and charging stations. In locations where BEVs will be used, the Postal Service will upgrade and develop the infrastructure required for their effective deployment. Based on the average deployment numbers at S&DCs, new vehicle investment in BEVs is around \$5 million per site. The S&DC that will be co-located with the Midland LPC will have 72 delivery routes that are eligible to be serviced by BEVs.

The S&DC will also feature evolving USPS's self-service tools and technology to give customers added services and new choices in how they ship and receive packages.

The Postal Service also announced there will be no career layoffs as part of this initiative. All career bargaining unit reassignments, as well as any reduction in any number of pre-career employees, will be made in accordance with respective collective bargaining agreements. As part of its strategy, the Postal Service is enhancing package processing and shipping capacity, which may result in increased plant activity and the need for additional support in the future.

Once changes are implemented, Business mail entry, Post Office, station, and branch retail services are not expected to change, and delivery services will be enhanced. After the Midland facility is converted to an LPC, it is anticipated that it will be able to mail and ship packages, manual letters and flats. The LPC is also anticipated to offer express services and accept bulk and permit mail.

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## STAND-UP TALK DECISION TO PROCEED ON MIDLAND P&DC MAIL PROCESSING FACILITY REVIEW

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The results of the facility review support keeping the Midland facility open and modernized as a Local Processing Center (LPC). Additionally, the business case supports transferring mail processing outgoing operations to the Amarillo P&DC. Currently, a majority of mail and packages are destined outside the Midland area to the rest of the world.

This effort is a part of the Postal Service's 10-year Delivering for America (DFA) plan to improve organizational and operational processes and actively make the Postal Service an efficient, high-performing, world class logistics and delivery provider. Improvements to Postal operations in Midland will enhance the level of service provided to the public; drive innovation and enable a broader array of postal products and services; enhance organizational competitiveness; improve efficiency and lower the cost to operate; and provide better workplaces and careers for Postal Service employees.

The Postal Service will invest up to \$13.2 million in the Midland LPC, which will result in expanded and streamlined package and mail processing and distribution capabilities for the facility. These investments include \$4.3 million for modernization efforts and deferred maintenance. For example, these funds will be used for new workplace amenities for Postal Service employees such as new lighting and renovated bathrooms and breakrooms. To help improve delivery services, investments totaling \$3.9 million will be made to locate a Flex Rover Sorter Quad into the facility.

In addition, consolidating plant operations will allow the Midland LPC to be co-located with a Sorting and Delivery Center (S&DC). These facilities will allow the Postal Service to provide faster and more reliable mail and package delivery over a greater geographic area. S&DCs will have upgraded sorting equipment, offer Same Day or Next Day delivery options, and provide better facilities for Postal Service employees.

S&DCs will be equipped with the necessary infrastructure to support the deployment of the Postal Service's new Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) and charging stations. In locations where BEVs will be used, the Postal Service will upgrade and develop the infrastructure required for their effective deployment. Based on the average deployment numbers at S&DCs, new vehicle investment in BEVs is around \$5 million per site. The S&DC that will be co-located with the Midland LPC will have 72 delivery routes that are eligible to be serviced by BEVs.

The S&DC will also feature evolving USPS's self-service tools and technology to give customers added services and new choices in how they ship and receive packages.

There will be no career employee layoffs as part of this initiative. All career bargaining unit reassignments, as well as any reduction in any number of pre-career employees, will be made in accordance with Article 12 of the respective collective bargaining agreements. As part of its strategy, the Postal Service is enhancing package processing and shipping capacity, which may result in increased plant activity and the need for additional support in the future.

We do expect there will be some impacts to staffing with Originating operations moving to the Amarillo P&DC. We anticipate this to impact the following career positions at the Midland P&DC:

- 10 Craft
- 2 Management

Once again, we want to emphasize that there will be no career employee layoffs as part of this initiative.

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- Destinating packages
- Destinating letters and flats
- Destinating bundles
- Manual letters and flats
- Express
- Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU)

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## **USPS to Improve Mail Operations at Grand Junction Processing Facility**

Facility to remain open and modernized as a Local Processing Center to improve mail and package flow through the region

USPS to invest up to \$6.3 million in this facility as part of 10-year Delivering for America plan to modernize the nation's aging postal network

#### There will be no career employee layoffs

GRAND JUNCTION, CO — As part of a \$40 billion investment strategy to upgrade and improve the Postal processing, transportation, and delivery networks, the United States Postal Service announced its plan to modernize mail operations at its Grand Junction Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) in Grand Junction, CO.

The announcement comes following a thorough business review and solicitation of public feedback on the facility's future. In addition to determining the facility will remain open and modernized as a Local Processing Center (LPC), the business case supports transferring mail processing outgoing operations to the Denver P&DC in Denver, CO. Currently, a majority of mail is destined outside the Grand Junction area to the rest of the world.

The investment in the Grand Junction facility is a part of the Postal Service's 10-year Delivering for America (DFA) plan to improve organizational and operational processes and actively make the Postal Service an efficient, high-performing, world class logistics and delivery provider.

The Postal Service will invest up to \$6.3 million in the Grand Junction LPC, which will result in expanded and streamlined package and mail processing and distribution capabilities for the facility. These investments include \$2.4 million for modernization efforts and deferred maintenance. For example, these funds will be used for new workplace amenities for Postal Service employees such as new lighting and renovated bathrooms and breakrooms. To help improve delivery services, investments totaling \$3.9 million will be made to locate a Flex Rover Sorter Quad into the facility.

The Postal Service also announced there will be no career layoffs as part of this initiative. All career bargaining unit reassignments, as well as any reduction in any number of pre-career employees, will be made in accordance with respective collective bargaining agreements. As part of its strategy, the Postal Service is enhancing package processing and shipping capacity, which may result in increased plant activity and the need for additional support in the future.

Once changes are implemented, Business mail entry, Post Office, station, and branch retail services are not expected to change, and delivery services will be enhanced. After the Grand Junction facility is

converted to an LPC, it is anticipated that it will be able to mail and ship packages, manual letters and flats. The LPC is also anticipated to offer express services and accept bulk and permit mail.

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## STAND-UP TALK DECISION TO PROCEED ON GRAND JUNCTION P&DC MAIL PROCESSING FACILITY REVIEW

On January 10, 2024, we notified you that we were beginning a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) at the Grand Junction Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) in Grand Junction, CO, to see if it would make sense to transfer some mail operations into the Denver P&DC in Denver, CO.

The results of the facility review support keeping the Grand Junction facility open and modernized as a Local Processing Center (LPC). Additionally, the business case supports transferring mail processing outgoing operations to the Denver P&DC. Currently, a majority of mail is destined outside the Grand Junction area to the rest of the world.

This effort is a part of the Postal Service's 10-year Delivering for America (DFA) plan to improve organizational and operational processes and actively make the Postal Service an efficient, high-performing, world class logistics and delivery provider. Improvements to Postal operations in Grand Junction will enhance the level of service provided to the public; drive innovation and enable a broader array of postal products and services; enhance organizational competitiveness; improve efficiency and lower the cost to operate; and provide better workplaces and careers for Postal Service employees.

The Postal Service will invest up to \$6.3 million in the Grand Junction LPC, which will result in expanded and streamlined package and mail processing and distribution capabilities for the facility. These investments include \$2.4 million for modernization efforts and deferred maintenance. For example, these funds will be used for new workplace amenities for Postal Service employees such as new lighting and renovated bathrooms and breakrooms. To help improve delivery services, investments totaling \$3.9 million will be made to locate a Flex Rover Sorter Quad into the facility.

There will be no career employee layoffs as part of this initiative. All career bargaining unit reassignments, as well as any reduction in any number of pre-career employees, will be made in accordance with Article 12 of the respective collective bargaining agreements. As part of its strategy, the Postal Service is enhancing package processing and shipping capacity, which may result in increased plant activity and the need for additional support in the future.

We do expect there will be some impacts to staffing with Originating operations moving to the Denver P&DC. We anticipate this to impact the following career positions at the Grand Junction P&DC:

- 31 Craft
- 1 Management

Once again, we want to emphasize that there will be no career employee layoffs as part of this initiative.

Once changes are implemented, Business mail entry, Post Office, station, and branch retail services are not expected to change, and delivery services will be enhanced. It is also anticipated that the Grand Junction facility will maintain the following destinating operations once converted to the LPC:

- Destinating packages
- Destinating letters and flats
- Manual letters and flats
- Express
- Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU)

The future Grand Junction LPC and Denver P&DC will be critical nodes in our network transformation plan. As part of this work, our goal is to reach 95% on-time delivery for all mail products.

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## USPS to Improve Mail Operations at Casper Processing Facility

Facility to remain open and modernized as a Local Processing Center to improve mail and package flow through the region

USPS to invest up to \$5.7 million in this facility as part of 10-year Delivering for America plan to modernize the nation's aging postal network

### There will be no career employee layoffs

CASPER, WY — As part of a \$40 billion investment strategy to upgrade and improve the Postal processing, transportation, and delivery networks, the United States Postal Service announced its plan to modernize mail operations at its Casper Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) in Casper, WY.

The announcement comes following a thorough business review and solicitation of public feedback on the facility's future. In addition to determining the facility will remain open and modernized as a Local Processing Center (LPC), the business case supports transferring mail processing outgoing operations to the Billings P&DC in Billings, MT. Currently, a majority of mail is destined outside the Casper area to the rest of the world.

The investment in the Casper facility is a part of the Postal Service's 10-year Delivering for America (DFA) plan to improve organizational and operational processes and actively make the Postal Service an efficient, high-performing, world class logistics and delivery provider.

The Postal Service will invest up to \$5.7 million in the Casper LPC, which will result in expanded and streamlined package and mail processing and distribution capabilities for the facility. These investments include \$1.8 million for modernization efforts and deferred maintenance. For example, these funds will be used for new workplace amenities for Postal Service employees such as new lighting and renovated bathrooms and breakrooms. To help improve delivery services, investments totaling \$3.9 million will be made to locate a Flex Rover Sorter Quad into the facility.

The facility will feature evolving USPS self-service tools and technology to give customers added services and new choices in how they ship and receive packages, including Smart Lockers, which are a keyless, self-service delivery solution that allows package shippers and package recipients to send and receive packages direct to a Post Office Smart Locker location.

The Postal Service also announced there will be no career layoffs as part of this initiative. All career bargaining unit reassignments, as well as any reduction in any number of pre-career employees, will be made in accordance with respective collective bargaining agreements. As part of its strategy, the Postal Service is enhancing package processing and shipping capacity, which may result in increased plant activity and the need for additional support in the future.

Once changes are implemented, Business mail entry, Post Office, station, and branch retail services are not expected to change, and delivery services will be enhanced. After the Casper facility is converted to an LPC, it is anticipated that it will be able to mail and ship packages, manual letters and flats. The LPC is also anticipated to offer express services and accept bulk and permit mail.

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## STAND-UP TALK DECISION TO PROCEED ON CASPER P&DC MAIL PROCESSING FACILITY REVIEW

On January 10, 2024, we notified you that we were beginning a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) at the Casper Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) in Casper, WY, to see if it would make sense to transfer some mail operations into the Billings P&DC in Billings, MT.

The results of the facility review support keeping the Casper facility open and modernized as a Local Processing Center (LPC). Additionally, the business case supports transferring mail processing outgoing operations to the Billings P&DC. Currently, a majority of mail is destined outside the Casper area to the rest of the world.

This effort is a part of the Postal Service's 10-year Delivering for America (DFA) plan to improve organizational and operational processes and actively make the Postal Service an efficient, high-performing, world class logistics and delivery provider. Improvements to Postal operations in Casper will enhance the level of service provided to the public; drive innovation and enable a broader array of postal products and services; enhance organizational competitiveness; improve efficiency and lower the cost to operate; and provide better workplaces and careers for Postal Service employees.

The Postal Service will invest up to \$5.7 million in the Casper LPC, which will result in expanded and streamlined package and mail processing and distribution capabilities for the facility. These investments include \$1.8 million for modernization efforts and deferred maintenance. For example, these funds will be used for new workplace amenities for Postal Service employees such as new lighting and renovated bathrooms and breakrooms. To help improve delivery services, investments totaling \$3.9 million will be made to locate a Flex Rover Sorter Quad into the facility.

The facility will feature evolving USPS self-service tools and technology to give customers added services and new choices in how they ship and receive packages, including Smart Lockers, which are a keyless, self-service delivery solution that allows package shippers and package recipients to send and receive packages direct to a Post Office Smart Locker location.

There will be no career employee layoffs as part of this initiative. All career bargaining unit reassignments, as well as any reduction in any number of pre-career employees, will be made in accordance with Article 12 of the respective collective bargaining agreements. As part of its strategy, the Postal Service is enhancing package processing and shipping capacity, which may result in increased plant activity and the need for additional support in the future.

We do expect there will be some impacts to staffing with Originating operations moving to the Billings P&DC. We anticipate this to impact the following career positions at the Casper P&DC:

- 15 Craft
- 1 Management

Once again, we want to emphasize that there will be no career employee layoffs as part of this initiative.

Once changes are implemented, Business mail entry, Post Office, station, and branch retail services are not expected to change, and delivery services will be enhanced. It is also anticipated that the Casper facility will maintain the following destinating operations once converted to the LPC:

- Destinating packages
- Destinating letters and flats
- Destinating bundles
- Manual letters and flats

- Express
- Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU)

The future Casper LPC and Billings P&DC will be critical nodes in our network transformation plan. As part of this work, our goal is to reach 95% on-time delivery for all mail products.

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## USPS to Improve Mail Operations at Brockton Processing Facility

Facility to remain open and modernized as a Local Processing Center to improve mail and package flow through the region

USPS to invest up to \$8.5 million in this facility as part of 10-year Delivering for America plan to modernize the nation's aging postal network

### There will be no career employee layoffs

BROCKTON, MA — As part of a \$40 billion investment strategy to upgrade and improve the Postal processing, transportation, and delivery networks, the United States Postal Service announced its plan to modernize mail operations at its Brockton Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) in Brockton, MA.

The announcement comes following a thorough business review and solicitation of public feedback on the facility's future. In addition to determining the facility will remain open and modernized as a Local Processing Center (LPC), the business case supports transferring mail processing outgoing operations to the Providence P&DC in Providence, RI. Currently, a majority of mail is destined outside the Brockton area to the rest of the world.

The investment in the Brockton facility is a part of the Postal Service's 10-year Delivering for America (DFA) plan to improve organizational and operational processes and actively make the Postal Service an efficient, high-performing, world class logistics and delivery provider.

The Postal Service will invest up to \$8.5 million in the Brockton LPC, which will result in expanded and streamlined package and mail processing and distribution capabilities for the facility. These investments include \$7.0 million for modernization efforts and deferred maintenance. For example, these funds will be used for new workplace amenities for Postal Service employees such as new lighting and renovated bathrooms and breakrooms. To help improve delivery services, investments totaling \$1.5 million will be made to locate a High-Speed Tray Sorter into the facility.

The Postal Service also announced there will be no career layoffs as part of this initiative. All career bargaining unit reassignments, as well as any reduction in any number of pre-career employees, will be made in accordance with respective collective bargaining agreements. As part of its strategy, the Postal Service is enhancing package processing and shipping capacity, which may result in increased plant activity and the need for additional support in the future.

Once changes are implemented, Business mail entry, Post Office, station, and branch retail services are not expected to change, and delivery services will be enhanced. After the Brockton facility is converted to an LPC, it is anticipated that it will be able to mail and ship packages, manual letters and flats. The LPC is also anticipated to offer express services and accept bulk and permit mail.

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## STAND-UP TALK DECISION TO PROCEED ON BROCKTON P&DC MAIL PROCESSING FACILITY REVIEW

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The results of the facility review support keeping the Brockton facility open and modernized as a Local Processing Center (LPC). Additionally, the business case supports transferring mail processing outgoing operations to the Providence P&DC. Currently, a majority of mail is destined outside the Brockton area to the rest of the world.

This effort is a part of the Postal Service's 10-year Delivering for America (DFA) plan to improve organizational and operational processes and actively make the Postal Service an efficient, high-performing, world class logistics and delivery provider. Improvements to Postal operations in Brockton will enhance the level of service provided to the public; drive innovation and enable a broader array of postal products and services; enhance organizational competitiveness; improve efficiency and lower the cost to operate; and provide better workplaces and careers for Postal Service employees.

The Postal Service will invest up to \$8.5 million in the Brockton LPC, which will result in expanded and streamlined package and mail processing and distribution capabilities for the facility. These investments include \$7 million for modernization efforts and deferred maintenance. For example, these funds will be used for new workplace amenities for Postal Service employees such as new lighting and renovated bathrooms and breakrooms. To help improve delivery services, investments totaling \$1.5 million will be made to locate a High-Speed Tray Sorter into the facility.

There will be no career employee layoffs as part of this initiative. All career bargaining unit reassignments, as well as any reduction in any number of pre-career employees, will be made in accordance with Article 12 of the respective collective bargaining agreements. As part of its strategy, the Postal Service is enhancing package processing and shipping capacity, which may result in increased plant activity and the need for additional support in the future.

We do expect there will be some impacts to staffing with Originating operations moving to the Providence P&DC. We anticipate this to impact the following career positions at the Brockton P&DC:

- 7 Craft
- 3 Management

Once again, we want to emphasize that there will be no career employee layoffs as part of this initiative.

Once changes are implemented, Business mail entry, Post Office, station, and branch retail services are not expected to change, and delivery services will be enhanced. It is also anticipated that the Brockton facility will maintain the following destinating operations once converted to the LPC:

- Destinating packages
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## USPS to Improve Mail Operations at Abilene Processing Facility

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### There will be no career employee layoffs

ABILENE, TX — As part of a \$40 billion investment strategy to upgrade and improve the Postal processing, transportation, and delivery networks, the United States Postal Service announced its plan to modernize mail operations at its Abilene Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) in Abilene, TX.

The announcement comes following a thorough business review and solicitation of public feedback on the facility's future. In addition to determining the facility will remain open and modernized as a Local Processing Center (LPC), the business case supports transferring mail processing outgoing operations to the North Texas P&DC in Coppell, TX. Currently, a majority of mail and packages are destined outside the Abilene area to the rest of the world.

The investment in the Abilene facility is a part of the Postal Service's 10-year Delivering for America (DFA) plan to improve organizational and operational processes and actively make the Postal Service an efficient, high-performing, world class logistics and delivery provider.

The Postal Service will invest up to \$7.0 million in the Abilene LPC, which will result in expanded and streamlined package and mail processing and distribution capabilities for the facility. These investments include \$3.1 million for modernization efforts and deferred maintenance. For example, these funds will be used for new workplace amenities for Postal Service employees such as new lighting and renovated bathrooms and breakrooms. To help improve delivery services, investments totaling \$3.9 million will be made to locate a Flex Rover Sorter Quad into the facility.

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# STAND-UP TALK DECISION TO PROCEED ON ABILENE P&DC MAIL PROCESSING FACILITY REVIEW

On January 10, 2024, we notified you that we were beginning a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) at the Abilene Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) in Abilene, TX, to see if it would make sense to transfer some mail operations into the North Texas P&DC in Coppell, TX.

The results of the facility review support keeping the Abilene facility open and modernized as a Local Processing Center (LPC). Additionally, the business case supports transferring mail processing outgoing operations to the North Texas P&DC. Currently, a majority of mail and packages are destined outside the Abilene area to the rest of the world.

This effort is a part of the Postal Service's 10-year Delivering for America (DFA) plan to improve organizational and operational processes and actively make the Postal Service an efficient, high-performing, world class logistics and delivery provider. Improvements to Postal operations in Abilene will enhance the level of service provided to the public; drive innovation and enable a broader array of postal products and services; enhance organizational competitiveness; improve efficiency and lower the cost to operate; and provide better workplaces and careers for Postal Service employees.

The Postal Service will invest up to \$7.0 million in the Abilene LPC, which will result in expanded and streamlined package and mail processing and distribution capabilities for the facility. These investments include \$3.1 million for modernization efforts and deferred maintenance. For example, these funds will be used for new workplace amenities for Postal Service employees such as new lighting and renovated bathrooms and breakrooms. To help improve delivery services, investments totaling \$3.9 million will be made to locate a Flex Rover Sorter Quad into the facility.

There will be no career employee layoffs as part of this initiative. All career bargaining unit reassignments, as well as any reduction in any number of pre-career employees, will be made in accordance with Article 12 of the respective collective bargaining agreements. As part of its strategy, the Postal Service is enhancing package processing and shipping capacity, which may result in increased plant activity and the need for additional support in the future.

We do expect there will be some impacts to staffing with Originating operations moving to the North Texas P&DC. We anticipate this to impact the following career positions at the Abilene P&DC:

- 21 Craft
- 2 Management

Once again, we want to emphasize that there will be no career employee layoffs as part of this initiative.

Once changes are implemented, Business mail entry, Post Office, station, and branch retail services are not expected to change, and delivery services will be enhanced. It is also anticipated that the Abilene facility will maintain the following destinating operations once converted to the LPC:

- Destinating packages
- Destinating letters and flats
- Destinating bundles
- Manual letters and flats
- Express
- Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU)

The future Abilene LPC and North Texas P&DC will be critical nodes in our network transformation plan. As part of this work, our goal is to reach 95% on-time delivery for all mail products.

We will keep you informed about any future developments regarding this MPFR implementation.