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Mr. Brian J. Wagner
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Dear Brian:

As a matter of general interest, the Postal Service is deploying a new package sorting machine, the High Output Package Sorter (HOPS), to the Los Angeles, CA Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC).

The HOPS is designed to support the automated package processing of machinable mail parcels/bundles to output zones based on size, weight, and destination of the parcel. The standard configuration is a loop sorter consisting of a merge area, 200 bins (approximately 100 on either side) connected by two bridges, which are high enough to accommodate Powered Industrial Vehicles (PIVs), Automated Guided Vehicles (AGVs), and other mail handling equipment to sweep the bins internal to the machine, and key station. The configuration is adjustable, and the number of bins can be expanded to 300 bins.

Installation of the HOPS machine at the Los Angeles, CA P&DC is tentatively scheduled to commence on August 23.

The Postal Service is currently evaluating possible locations for additional deployments of the HOPS; however, at this time, a final decision has not yet been made.

Please contact Mike Faber at 215-432-0613 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shannon R. Richardson".

Shannon R. Richardson
Director
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