

LABOR RELATIONS



September 9, 2020



Mr. Brian J. Wagner  
President  
National Association of Postal  
Supervisors  
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Dear Mr. Wagner:

As a matter of general interest, the Postal Service plans to conduct a study to compare Commercial Off-The-Shelf (COTS) right-hand drive vehicles with Long Life Vehicles (LLV).

The study will be conducted on randomly selected routes in the offices selected and identified on the enclosure. The Postal Service will collect baseline performance information using LLVs on the selected routes for two weeks. The performance of the COTS Mercedes Metris vehicles will be collected on same routes for three weeks following the baseline data collection. The first week with the Metris vehicle for each carrier will be for training and familiarization to allow the carriers operating the vehicles to achieve a level of proficiency.

Breadcrumb data from the Mobile Delivery Devices (MDD) will be analyzed to identify time/task based efficiency impacts on all routes selected. In addition, video cameras will be installed on the vehicles that will be used to collect data on the routes selected in the Capital and Northern Virginia Districts. This data will be used to support breadcrumb data collected when the cameras are in use. The video data will be used strictly for ergonomic evaluation during this study.

We plan to evaluate the vehicles on different types of routes with varying curblines deliveries and mileage. The study is scheduled to begin at the selected offices on September 21, and is scheduled to run through October 30.

The Postal Service will be evaluating the efficiency of the two vehicles to determine the operational impact of the Mercedes Metris Vans as compared to the LLV and the number of curbside stops best suited for the COTS Mercedes Metris Vehicle.

The carriers using these vehicles will be asked for feedback via surveys to assist the Postal Service in evaluating the vehicles.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David E Mills", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David E Mills  
Manager  
Labor Relations Policies and Programs

Enclosure

LLV-Metris RHD Field Study

Area	District	VMF	Delivery Unit	Delivery Unit Address	Number of Routes	Rural or City	Cameras	ZIP Code
ATLANTIC	NORTHERN VIRGINIA	Dulles, VA	PRINCE WILLIAM	3360 POST OFFICE RD	21	City	Yes	22193
ATLANTIC	NORTHERN VIRGINIA		STERLING	150 S STERLING BLVD	3	City	Yes	20164
ATLANTIC	NORTHERN VIRGINIA		WEST MCLEAN	1544 SPRING HILL RD	2	City	Yes	22102
ATLANTIC	NORTHERN VIRGINIA		MCLEAN	6841 ELM ST	3	City	Yes	22101
ATLANTIC	NORTHERN VIRGINIA		MANASSAS	8801 SUDLEY RD	1	City	Yes	20110
ATLANTIC	NORTHERN VIRGINIA		ASHBURN II RETAIL	43150 BROADLANDS CENTER PLZ STE 124	9	Rural	Yes	20148
ATLANTIC	NORTHERN VIRGINIA		Winchester	340 N PLEASANT VALLEY RD	1	Rural	Yes	22602
ATLANTIC	NORTHERN VIRGINIA		CHANTILLY	4410 BROOKFIELD CORPORATE DR	1	Rural	Yes	20151
ATLANTIC	NORTHERN VIRGINIA		FRONT ROYAL	120 E 3RD ST	1	Rural	Yes	22630
ATLANTIC	NORTHERN VIRGINIA		GAINESVILLE	14689 LEE HWY	2	Rural	Yes	20155
ATLANTIC	NORTHERN VIRGINIA		OAK HILL	13520 MCLEAREN RD	2	Rural	Yes	20171
ATLANTIC	CAPITAL	Washington DC	CHILLUM PL CARRIER ANNEX	6510 CHILLUM PL NW	2	City	Yes	20012
CENTRAL	OHIO VALLEY	Columbus, OH	CHILlicothe	40 S WALNUT ST	3	Rural	No	45601
CENTRAL	OHIO VALLEY		DUBLIN	6400 EMERALD PKWY	15	Rural	No	43016
CENTRAL	OHIO VALLEY		STATE STREET	260 S STATE ST	26	Rural	No	43081
CENTRAL	OHIO VALLEY	Sharonville, OH	WEST CHESTER	8730 CINCINNATI DAYTON RD	1	Rural	No	45069
CENTRAL	OHIO VALLEY		MASON	6338 SNIDER RD	1	Rural	No	45040
CENTRAL	HAWKEYE	Des Moines, IA	SOUTH DES MOINES	430 E MCKINLEY AVE	32	City	No	50315
CENTRAL	HAWKEYE		UNIVERSITY STATION	2323 FOREST AVE	28	City	No	50311
CENTRAL	HAWKEYE		PLEASANT HILL	1300 NE 56TH ST	10	City	No	50317
CENTRAL	HAWKEYE		URBANDALE	7755 DOUGLAS AVE	1	City	No	50322
CENTRAL	HAWKEYE	Cedar Rapids, IA	NORTHEAST STATION	1380 60TH ST NE	34	City	No	52402
CENTRAL	HAWKEYE		WEST STATION	1930 WILEY BLVD SW	10	City	No	52404
CENTRAL	CENTRAL ILLINOIS	Aurora, IL	AURORA	525 N BROADWAY	27	City	No	60505
CENTRAL	NORTHLAND		BROOKLYN CENTER	6848 LEE AVE N	23	City	No	55429