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November 15, 2023 **Debby Szeredy** 202-842-4250 (Office) 202-842-4297 (Fax) To: Charlie Cash, Director, Industrial Relations Department **Debby Szeredy, Executive Vice President** From: National Executive Board Mark Dimondstein President Subject: Further reference to October 25 Correspondence Debby Szeredy **Regarding MPFR at Six Locations** Executive Vice President (Notification No. GCCG20230512) Elizabeth "Liz" Powell Secretary-Treasurer Charlie Cash Please find attached a copy of a letter dated 11/13/2023 from Bruce Director, Industrial Relations Nicholson, regarding the above referenced matter. Lamont Brooks Director, Clerk Division Idowu Balogun You are designated as the APWU contact person in this matter. Contact the Director, Maintenance Division USPS representative as soon as possible for discussion, if appropriate. Michael O. Foster Director, MVS Division Please provide notification of your review to me by 12/13/2023. Arrion Brown Director, Support Services Division Please note: Your secretary should update the Notification Tracking Module Amv Puhalski Coordinator, Central Region in Step 4 CAS as necessary. AJ Jones Coordinator, Eastern Region Attachment Tiffany Foster Coordinator, Northeast Region Yared Wonde Idowu Balogun, Director, Maintenance Division CC: Coordinator, Southern Region Lamont Brooks, Director, Clerk Division Omar M. Gonzalez Coordinator, Western Region Arrion Brown, Director, Support Services Division Michael Foster, Director, MVS Division Liz Powell, Secretary-Treasurer Amy Puhalski, Central Regional Coordinator AJ Jones, Eastern Regional Coordinator Tiffany Foster, Northeast Regional Coordinator Yared Wonde, Southern Regional Coordinator Omar Gonzalez, Western Regional Coordinator





November 13, 2023

Mr. Mark Dimondstein President American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO 1300 L Street N.W. Washington, DC 20005-4128

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Dear Mark:

This is in further reference to the Postal Service's October 25 correspondence (enclosed) announcing its intent to conduct Mail Processing Facility Reviews (MPFR) at six locations. These reviews were conducted at the following locations to determine whether efficiency and/or service could be improved by consolidating mail processing operations into other mail processing facilities:

- Chattanooga, Tennessee (TN) Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) to Music City, TN Annex and Nashville, TN P&DC
- El Paso, Texas P&DC to Albuquerque, New Mexico P&DC
- Fort Wayne, Indiana (IN) P&DC to Indianapolis, IN Regional Processing Distribution Center (RPDC)
- Knoxville, TN P&DC to Louisville, Kentucky P&DC
- Tacoma, Washington (WA) P&DC to Seattle, WA P&DC
- Wenatchee, WA (P&DC) to Spokane, WA P&DC

The initial results of all six facility reviews support the business case for keeping each facility open and modernized as a Local Processing Center. The next step is to provide notice of a public meeting to share the initial results of the study and to allow members of the community to provide additional feedback. Enclosed are the following communication materials that are intended to be communicated today for each of the six locations:

- Stand Up Talks (SUT) to employees
- Notices of Public Meetings
- Press Releases

Please contact Paulita Wimbush at ext. 4042 if you have questions regarding the matter.

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Bruce A. Nicholson Director Labor Relations Policies and Programs

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October 25, 2023

Mr. Mark Dimondstein President American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO 1300 L Street N.W. Washington, DC 20005-4128 Certified Mail Number 9589 0710 5270 0684 7726 96

Dear Mark:

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

- Chattanooga, Tennessee (TN)
- El Paso, Texas (TX)
- Fort Wayne, Indiana (IN)
- Knoxville, Tennessee (TN)
- Tacoma, Washington (WA)
- Wenatchee, 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 the following facilities to determine whether efficiency and/or service could be improved by consolidating mail processing operations into other mail processing facilities:

- Chattanooga, TN Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) to Music City, TN Annex and Nashville, TN P&DC
- El Paso, TX P&DC to Albuquerque, New Mexico P&DC
- Fort Wayne, IN P&DC to Indianapolis, IN Regional Processing Distribution Center (RPDC)
- Knoxville, TN P&DC to Louisville, Kentucky P&DC
- Tacoma, WA P&DC to Seattle, WA P&DC
- Wenatchee, WA Processing and Distribution Facility (P&DF) to Spokane, WA P&DC

475 L'ENFANT PLAZA SW WASHINGTON, DC 20260-4101 WWW.USPS COM Enclosed is a Service Talk and Press Release that will be provided to employees in the six facilities that will be studied. Please contact Paulita Wimbush at extension 4042 if you have questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Paulita Fimlesh

FOR Bruce A. Nicholson Director Labor Relations Policies and Programs

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## Mail Processing Facility Review Public Meeting to be held re: Chattanooga P&DC

We notified you on October 25, 2023, that we were beginning a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) at the Chattanooga Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) to determine if transferring some mail operations into the Nashville P&DC and Music City Annex would be effective operationally.

As you are likely aware, the Postal Service is investing heavily in processing operations as it moves to modernize the nation's aging and outmoded network and achieve the organization's goal of 95% on-time delivery nationwide.

The initial results of the facility review support the business case for keeping the Chattanooga P&DC facility open and modernized as a Local Processing Center (LPC). The Chattanooga LPC will play a critical role in connecting mail to the Nashville P&DC and Music City Annex. Additionally, the business case supports transferring some mail processing operations to the Nashville P&DC and Music City Annex.

The Postal Service will hold a public meeting to explain the proposed changes on Tuesday, November 28 at 3:00 PM at the Edney Convention Center, 1100 Market St, Chattanooga TN 37402. Attendance will be voluntary and off-the-clock for employees who choose to attend.

Any proposed changes must be approved by the Regional Vice President and Vice President, Processing and Maintenance Operations before they can be implemented. Comments on the proposal from employees and the public will be considered before any decision is made.

You can submit your comments on the study up to 15 days after the public meeting.

Comments may be submitted to <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mpfr-chattanooga-tn</u>.

## Mail Processing Facility Review Public Meeting to be held re: El Paso P&DC

We notified you on October 25, 2023, that we were beginning a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) at the El Paso Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) to determine if transferring some mail operations into the Albuquerque P&DC in Albuquerque, New Mexico, would be effective operationally.

As you are likely aware, the Postal Service is investing heavily in processing operations as it moves to modernize the nation's aging and outmoded network and achieve the organization's goal of 95% on-time delivery nationwide.

The initial results of the facility review support the business case for keeping the El Paso P&DC facility open and modernized as a Local Processing Center (LPC). The El Paso LPC will play a critical role in connecting mail to the Albuquerque P&DC. Additionally, the business case supports transferring some mail processing operations to the Albuquerque P&DC.

The Postal Service will hold a public meeting to explain the proposed changes on Tuesday, November 28 at 3:00 PM at the Irving Swartz Library, 1865 Dean Martin, El Paso TX 79936. Attendance will be voluntary and off-the-clock for employees who choose to attend.

Any proposed changes must be approved by the Regional Vice President and Vice President, Processing and Maintenance Operations before they can be implemented. Comments on the proposal from employees and the public will be considered before any decision is made.

You can submit your comments on the study up to 15 days after the public meeting.

Comments may be submitted to <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mpfr-el-paso-tx</u>.

## Mail Processing Facility Review Public Meeting to be held re: Ft Wayne P&DC

We notified you on October 25, 2023, that we were beginning a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) at the Ft Wayne Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) to determine if transferring some mail operations into the Indianapolis Regional Processing and Distribution Center (RPDC) would be effective operationally.

As you are likely aware, the Postal Service is investing heavily in processing operations as it moves to modernize the nation's aging and outmoded network and achieve the organization's goal of 95% on-time delivery nationwide.

The initial results of the facility review support the business case for keeping the Ft Wayne P&DC facility open and modernized as a Local Processing Center (LPC). The Ft Wayne LPC will play a critical role in connecting mail to the Indianapolis RPDC. Additionally, the business case supports transferring some mail processing operations to the Indianapolis RPDC.

The Postal Service will hold a public meeting to explain the proposed changes on Wednesday, November 29 at 2:00 PM at the Allen County Public Library, Meeting Rm AB, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. Attendance will be voluntary and off-theclock for employees who choose to attend.

Any proposed changes must be approved by the Regional Vice President and Vice President, Processing and Maintenance Operations before they can be implemented. Comments on the proposal from employees and the public will be considered before any decision is made.

You can submit your comments on the study up to 15 days after the public meeting.

Comments may be submitted to <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mpfr-fort-wayne-in</u>.

## Mail Processing Facility Review Public Meeting to be held re: Knoxville P&DC

We notified you on October 25, 2023, that we were beginning a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) at the Knoxville Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) to determine if transferring some mail operations into the Louisville P&DC would be effective operationally.

As you are likely aware, the Postal Service is investing heavily in processing operations as it moves to modernize the nation's aging and outmoded network and achieve the organization's goal of 95% on-time delivery nationwide.

The initial results of the facility review support the business case for keeping the Knoxville P&DC facility open and modernized as a Local Processing Center (LPC). The Knoxville LPC will play a critical role in connecting mail to the Louisville P&DC. Additionally, the business case supports transferring some mail processing operations to the Louisville P&DC.

The Postal Service will hold a public meeting to explain the proposed changes on Thursday, November 30 at 3:00 PM at the Pellissippi State Community College, 10915 Hardin Valley Rd, Knoxville TN 37933. Attendance will be voluntary and off-the-clock for employees who choose to attend.

Any proposed changes must be approved by the Regional Vice President and Vice President, Processing and Maintenance Operations before they can be implemented. Comments on the proposal from employees and the public will be considered before any decision is made.

You can submit your comments on the study up to 15 days after the public meeting.

Comments may be submitted to <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mpfr-knoxville-tn</u>.

## Mail Processing Facility Review Public Meeting to be held re: Tacoma P&DC

We notified you on October 25, 2023, that we were beginning a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) at the Tacoma Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) to determine if transferring some mail operations into the Seattle P&DC would be effective operationally.

As you are likely aware, the Postal Service is investing heavily in processing operations as it moves to modernize the nation's aging and outmoded network and achieve the organization's goal of 95% on-time delivery nationwide.

The initial results of the facility review support the business case for keeping the Tacoma P&DC facility open and modernized as a Local Processing Center (LPC). The Tacoma LPC will play a critical role in connecting mail to the Seattle P&DC. Additionally, the business case supports transferring some mail processing operations to the Seattle P&DC.

The Postal Service will hold a public meeting to explain the proposed changes on Tuesday, November 28 at 2:00 PM at the Tacoma Moore Branch Library, 215 South 56th St, Tacoma, WA 98408. Attendance will be voluntary and off-the-clock for employees who choose to attend.

Any proposed changes must be approved by the Regional Vice President and Vice President, Processing and Maintenance Operations before they can be implemented. Comments on the proposal from employees and the public will be considered before any decision is made.

You can submit your comments on the study up to 15 days after the public meeting.

Comments may be submitted to <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mpfr-tacoma-wa</u>.

## Mail Processing Facility Review Public Meeting to be held re: Wenatchee P&DC

We notified you on October 25, 2023, that we were beginning a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) at the Wenatchee Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) to determine if transferring some mail operations into the Spokane P&DC would be effective operationally.

As you are likely aware, the Postal Service is investing heavily in processing operations as it moves to modernize the nation's aging and outmoded network and achieve the organization's goal of 95% on-time delivery nationwide.

The initial results of the facility review support the business case for keeping the Wenatchee P&DC facility open and modernized as a Local Processing Center (LPC). The Wenatchee LPC will play a critical role in connecting mail to the Spokane P&DC. Additionally, the business case supports transferring some mail processing operations to the Spokane P&DC.

The Postal Service will hold a public meeting to explain the proposed changes on Wednesday, November 29 at 2:00 PM at the Wenatchee Public Library Auditorium, 310 Douglas St, Wenatchee, WA 98801. Attendance will be voluntary and off-the-clock for employees who choose to attend.

Any proposed changes must be approved by the Regional Vice President and Vice President, Processing and Maintenance Operations before they can be implemented. Comments on the proposal from employees and the public will be considered before any decision is made.

You can submit your comments on the study up to 15 days after the public meeting.

Comments may be submitted to https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mpfr-wenatchee-wa.

## Chattanooga P&DC in Chattanooga TN to Nashville P&DC and Music City Annex in Nashville, Tennessee

## Nov. 13, 2023

As part of its 10-year strategic Delivering for America plan to modernize the nation's aging postal network, the U.S. Postal Service initiated a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) to evaluate moving some of the mail processing operations from the Chattanooga Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) to the Nashville P&DC and Music City Annex. Results from the initial review support the business case. However, this MPFR, currently in review at Postal Service headquarters and its regional office, is subject to change.

A public meeting will be held to share the initial results of the study and to allow members of the community to provide additional oral feedback. The public's input will be considered prior to a final decision. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 28 at 3:00 PM at the Edney Convention Center, 1100 Market St, Chattanooga TN 37402. A summary of the MPFR will be posted on *about.usps.com* at least one week prior to the public input meeting.

Below are some preliminary highlights from the study:

### **Business Case**

The Postal Service is investing heavily in operations as it moves to modernize the nation's aging and outmoded postal network and to achieve the organization's goal of 95% on-time delivery across all mail products.

The initial results of the facility review support the business case for keeping the Chattanooga P&DC open and modernizing the facility as a Local Processing Center with simplified processes and standardized layouts. Additionally, the business case supports transferring some mail processing operations to the Nashville P&DC and Music City Annex.

## **Future of Facility**

The Chattanooga P&DC will remain open and will be modernized. It will be repositioned as a Local Processing Center for destinating mail processing.

## **Local Customers**

- Retail and other services currently available at the Chattanooga P&DC will not change.
- Business mail acceptance will remain the same.
- A local postmark will continue to be available at retail post offices.
- Delivery times of mail to residence and businesses should not change because of this review.

#### **Commercial Mailers**

- Mailers who presort mail will continue to receive appropriate postage discounts.
- Mailers who drop ship to Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF) can expect no changes if the MPFR is approved.

Please go to <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mpfr-chattanooga-tn</u> to submit written comments. All written comments must be received by December 13, 2023.

## El Paso P&DC in El Paso TX to Albuquerque P&DC in Albuquerque NM

Nov. 13, 2023

As part of its 10-year strategic Delivering for America plan to modernize the nation's aging postal network, the U.S. Postal Service initiated a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) to evaluate moving some of the mail processing operations from the El Paso Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) to the Albuquerque P&DC. Results from the initial review support the business case. However, this MPFR, currently in review at Postal Service headquarters and its regional office, is subject to change.

A public meeting will be held to share the initial results of the study and to allow members of the community to provide additional oral feedback. The public's input will be considered prior to a final decision. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 28 at 3:00 PM at the Irving Swartz Library, 1865 Dean Martin, El Paso TX 79936. A summary of the MPFR will be posted on *about.usps.com* at least one week prior to the public input meeting.

Below are some preliminary highlights from the study:

### **Business Case**

The Postal Service is investing heavily in operations as it moves to modernize the nation's aging and outmoded postal network and to achieve the organization's goal of 95% on-time delivery across all mail products.

The initial results of the facility review support the business case for keeping the El Paso P&DC open and modernizing the facility as a Local Processing Center with simplified processes and standardized layouts. Additionally, the business case supports transferring some mail processing operations to the Albuquerque P&DC.

#### **Future of Facility**

The El Paso P&DC will remain open and will be modernized. It will be repositioned as a Local Processing Center for destinating mail processing.

#### **Local Customers**

- Retail and other services currently available at the El Paso P&DC will not change.
- Business mail acceptance will remain the same.
- A local postmark will continue to be available at retail post offices.
- Delivery times of mail to residence and businesses should not change because of this review.

#### **Commercial Mailers**

- Mailers who presort mail will continue to receive appropriate postage discounts.
- Mailers who drop ship to Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF) can expect no changes if the MPFR is approved.

Please go to <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mpfr-el-paso-tx</u> to submit written comments. All written comments must be received by December 13, 2023.

## Ft Wayne P&DC in Ft Wayne IN to Indianapolis RPDC in Indianapolis IN

Nov. 13, 2023

As part of its 10-year strategic Delivering for America plan to modernize the nation's aging postal network, the U.S. Postal Service initiated a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) to evaluate moving some of the mail processing operations from the Ft Wayne Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) to the Indianapolis Regional Processing and Distribution Center (RPDC). Results from the initial review support the business case. However, this MPFR, currently in review at Postal Service headquarters and its regional office, is subject to change.

A public meeting will be held to share the initial results of the study and to allow members of the community to provide additional oral feedback. The public's input will be considered prior to a final decision. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 29 at 2:00 PM at the Allen County Public Library, Meeting Rm AB, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. A summary of the MPFR will be posted on *about.usps.com* at least one week prior to the public input meeting.

Below are some preliminary highlights from the study:

#### **Business Case**

The Postal Service is investing heavily in operations as it moves to modernize the nation's aging and outmoded postal network and to achieve the organization's goal of 95% on-time delivery across all mail products.

The initial results of the facility review support the business case for keeping the Ft Wayne P&DC open and modernizing the facility as a Local Processing Center (LPC) with simplified processes and standardized layouts. Additionally, the business case supports transferring some mail processing operations to the Indianapolis RPDC.

## **Future of Facility**

The Ft Wayne P&DC will remain open and will be modernized. It will be repositioned as a Local Processing Center for destinating mail processing.

#### **Local Customers**

- Retail and other services currently available at the Ft Wayne P&DC will not change.
- Business mail acceptance will remain the same.
- A local postmark will continue to be available at retail post offices.
- Delivery times of mail to residence and businesses should not change because of this review.

#### **Commercial Mailers**

- Mailers who presort mail will continue to receive appropriate postage discounts.
- Mailers who drop ship to Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF) can expect no changes if the MPFR is approved.

Please go to <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mpfr-fort-wayne-in</u> to submit written comments. All written comments must be received by Dec. 14, 2023.

## Knoxville P&DC in Knoxville TN to Louisville P&DC in Louisville KY

Nov. 13, 2023

As part of its 10-year strategic Delivering for America plan to modernize the nation's aging postal network, the U.S. Postal Service initiated a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) to evaluate moving some of the mail processing operations from the Knoxville Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) to the Louisville P&DC. Results from the initial review support the business case. However, this MPFR, currently in review at Postal Service headquarters and its regional office, is subject to change.

A public meeting will be held to share the initial results of the study and to allow members of the community to provide additional oral feedback. The public's input will be considered prior to a final decision. The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 30 at 3:00 PM at Pellissippi State Community College, 10915 Hardin Valley Rd, Knoxville TN 37933. A summary of the MPFR will be posted on *about.usps.com* at least one week prior to the public input meeting.

Below are some preliminary highlights from the study:

### **Business Case**

The Postal Service is investing heavily in operations as it moves to modernize the nation's aging and outmoded postal network and to achieve the organization's goal of 95% on-time delivery across all mail products.

The initial results of the facility review support the business case for keeping the Knoxville P&DC open and modernizing the facility as a Local Processing Center with simplified processes and standardized layouts. Additionally, the business case supports transferring some mail processing operations to the Louisville P&DC.

## **Future of Facility**

The Knoxville P&DC will remain open and will be modernized. It will be repositioned as a Local Processing Center for destinating mail processing.

#### **Local Customers**

- Retail and other services currently available at the Knoxville P&DC will not change.
- Business mail acceptance will remain the same.
- A local postmark will continue to be available at retail post offices.
- Delivery times of mail to residence and businesses should not change because of this review.

#### **Commercial Mailers**

- Mailers who presort mail will continue to receive appropriate postage discounts.
- Mailers who drop ship to Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF) can expect no changes if the MPFR is approved.

Please go to <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mpfr-knoxville-tn</u> to submit written comments. All written comments must be received by December 15, 2023.

## Tacoma P&DC in Tacoma WA to Seattle P&DC in Seattle WA

Nov. 13, 2023

As part of its 10-year strategic Delivering for America plan to modernize the nation's aging postal network, the U.S. Postal Service initiated a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) to evaluate moving some of the mail processing operations from the Tacoma Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) to the Seattle P&DC. Results from the initial review support the business case. However, this MPFR, currently in review at Postal Service headquarters and its regional office, is subject to change.

A public meeting will be held to share the initial results of the study and to allow members of the community to provide additional oral feedback. The public's input will be considered prior to a final decision. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 28 at 2:00 PM at the Tacoma Moore Branch Library, 215 South 56th St, Tacoma, WA 98408. A summary of the MPFR will be posted on *about.usps.com* at least one week prior to the public input meeting.

Below are some preliminary highlights from the study:

### **Business Case**

The Postal Service is investing heavily in operations as it moves to modernize the nation's aging and outmoded postal network and to achieve the organization's goal of 95% on-time delivery across all mail products.

The initial results of the facility review support the business case for keeping the Tacoma P&DC open and modernizing the facility as a Local Processing Center with simplified processes and standardized layouts. Additionally, the business case supports transferring some mail processing operations to the Seattle P&DC.

## **Future of Facility**

The Tacoma P&DC will remain open and will be modernized. It will be repositioned as a Local Processing Center for destinating mail processing.

### **Local Customers**

- Retail and other services currently available at the Tacoma P&DC will not change.
- Business mail acceptance will remain the same.
- A local postmark will continue to be available at retail post offices.
- Delivery times of mail to residence and businesses should not change because of this review.

#### **Commercial Mailers**

- Mailers who presort mail will continue to receive appropriate postage discounts.
- Mailers who drop ship to Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF) can expect no changes if the MPFR is approved.

Please go to <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mpfr-tacoma-wa</u> to submit written comments. All written comments must be received by December 13, 2023.

## Wenatchee P&DC in Wenatchee WA to Spokane P&DC in Spokane WA

Nov. 13, 2023

As part of its 10-year strategic Delivering for America plan to modernize the nation's aging postal network, the U.S. Postal Service initiated a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) to evaluate moving some of the mail processing operations from the Wenatchee Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) to the Spokane P&DC. Results from the initial review support the business case. However, this MPFR, currently in review at Postal Service headquarters and its regional office, is subject to change.

A public meeting will be held to share the initial results of the study and to allow members of the community to provide additional oral feedback. The public's input will be considered prior to a final decision. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 29 at 2:00 PM at the Wenatchee Public Library – Auditorium, 310 Douglas St, Wenatchee, WA 98801. A summary of the MPFR will be posted on *about.usps.com* at least one week prior to the public input meeting.

Below are some preliminary highlights from the study:

### **Business Case**

The Postal Service is investing heavily in operations as it moves to modernize the nation's aging and outmoded postal network and to achieve the organization's goal of 95% on-time delivery across all mail products.

The initial results of the facility review support the business case for keeping the Wenatchee P&DC open and modernizing the facility as a Local Processing Center with simplified processes and standardized layouts. Additionally, the business case supports transferring some mail processing operations to the Spokane P&DC.

## **Future of Facility**

The Wenatchee P&DC will remain open and will be modernized. It will be repositioned as a Local Processing Center for destinating mail processing.

#### **Local Customers**

- Retail and other services currently available at the Wenatchee P&DC will not change.
- Business mail acceptance will remain the same.
- A local postmark will continue to be available at retail post offices.
- Delivery times of mail to residence and businesses should not change because of this review.

#### **Commercial Mailers**

- Mailers who presort mail will continue to receive appropriate postage discounts.
- Mailers who drop ship to Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF) can expect no changes if the MPFR is approved.

Please go to <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mpfr-wenatchee-wa</u> to submit written comments. All written comments must be received by December 14, 2023.





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## **USPS Proposes Improvements to Chattanooga Processing Facility**

Facility to remain open and modernized as a Local Processing Center Public meeting to be held November 28 USPS investing heavily in efforts to modernize nation's aging postal network and achieve goal of 95% on-time delivery nationwide

CHATTANOOGA, TN — The United States Postal Service is conducting a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) of processing operations at its Chattanooga Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC). The review was initiated to evaluate moving some of the mail processing operations from the Chattanooga P&DC to the Nashville P&DC and Music City Annex, both in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Postal Service is investing heavily in its operations as it moves to modernize the nation's aging and outmoded postal network and achieve the organization's goal of 95% on-time delivery nationwide. The initial results of the facility review support the business case for keeping the Chattanooga facility open and modernizing the facility as a Local Processing Center (LPC). The Chattanooga LPC will be a critical node in connecting mail to the state and region. Additionally, the business case supports transferring some mail processing operations to the Nashville P&DC and Music City Annex.

A public meeting will be held Tuesday, November 28 at 3:00 PM at the Edney Convention Center, 1100 Market St, Chattanooga TN 37402. USPS will share the initial results of the study and allow members of the community to provide additional oral feedback. A summary of the MPFR will be posted on *usps.com* at least one week prior to public input meeting. Members of the local community may submit written comments at <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mpfr-chattanooga-tn</u> through December 13, 2023. The public's input will be considered prior to a final decision.

The Postal Service will continue to work closely with its unions and management associations throughout the facility review process. This MPFR, currently in review at USPS Headquarters and its Regional Office, is subject to change. The Postal Service will continually monitor the impact of any changes that are implemented and will adjust plans as necessary and appropriate.

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**Please Note:** The United States Postal Service is an independent federal establishment, mandated to be self-financing and to serve every American community through the affordable, reliable and secure delivery of mail and packages to nearly 165 million addresses six and often seven days a week. Overseen by a bipartisan Board of Governors, the Postal Service is implementing a 10-year transformation plan, *Delivering for America*, to modernize the postal network, restore long-term financial sustainability, dramatically improve service across all mail and shipping categories, and maintain the organization as one of America's most valued and trusted brands.

The Postal Service generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.



November 13, 2023

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**POSTAL NEWS** 

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## **USPS Proposes Improvements to EI Paso Processing Facility**

Facility to remain open and modernized as a Local Processing Center Public meeting to be held November 28 USPS investing heavily in efforts to modernize nation's aging postal network and achieve goal of 95% on-time delivery nationwide

EL PASO, TX — The United States Postal Service is conducting a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) of processing operations at its El Paso Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC). The review was initiated to evaluate moving some of the mail processing operations from the El Paso P&DC to the Albuquerque P&DC in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Postal Service is investing heavily in its operations as it moves to modernize the nation's aging and outmoded postal network and achieve the organization's goal of 95% on-time delivery nationwide. The initial results of the facility review support the business case for keeping the El Paso facility open and modernizing the facility as a Local Processing Center (LPC). The El Paso LPC will be a critical node in connecting mail to the state and region. Additionally, the business case supports transferring some mail processing operations to the Albuquerque P&DC.

A public meeting will be held Tuesday, November 28 at 3:00 PM at the Irving Swartz Library, 1865 Dean Martin, El Paso TX 79936. USPS will share the initial results of the study and allow members of the community to provide additional oral feedback. A summary of the MPFR will be posted on *usps.com* at least one week prior to public input meeting. Members of the local community may submit written comments at <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mpfr-el-paso-tx</u> though December 13, 2023. The public's input will be considered prior to a final decision.

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## **USPS Proposes Improvements to Ft Wayne Processing Facility**

Facility to remain open and modernized as a Local Processing Center Public meeting to be held November 29, 2023 USPS investing heavily in efforts to modernize nation's aging postal network and achieve goal of 95% on-time delivery nationwide

FORT WAYNE, IN — The United States Postal Service is conducting a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) of processing operations at its Fort Wayne Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC). The review was initiated to evaluate moving some of the mail processing operations from the Fort Wayne P&DC to the Indianapolis Regional Processing and Delivery Center (RPDC).

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A public meeting will be held Wednesday, 11/29/23 at 2PM in the Allen County Public Library, Meeting Rm AB, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. USPS will share the initial results of the study and allow members of the community to provide additional oral feedback. A summary of the MPFR will be posted on *usps.com* at least one week prior to public input meeting. Members of the local community may submit written comments at <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mpfr-fort-wayne-in</u> through 12/14/2023. The public's input will be considered prior to a final decision.

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## **USPS Proposes Improvements to Knoxville Processing Facility**

Facility to remain open and modernized as a Local Processing Center Public meeting to be held November 30 USPS investing heavily in efforts to modernize nation's aging postal network and achieve goal of 95% on-time delivery nationwide

KNOXVILLE, TN — The United States Postal Service is conducting a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) of processing operations at its Knoxville Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC). The review was initiated to evaluate moving some of the mail processing operations from the Knoxville P&DC to the Louisville P&DC in Louisville, Kentucky.

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A public meeting will be held Thursday, November 30 at 3:00 PM at Pellissippi State Community College, 10915 Hardin Valley Rd, Knoxville TN 37933. USPS will share the initial results of the study and allow members of the community to provide additional oral feedback. A summary of the MPFR will be posted on *usps.com* at least one week prior to public input meeting. Members of the local community may submit written comments at <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mpfr-knoxville-tn</u> through December 15, 2023. The public's input will be considered prior to a final decision.

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## **USPS Proposes Improvements to Tacoma Processing Facility**

Facility to remain open and modernized as a Local Processing Center Public meeting to be held Tuesday, Nov 28 USPS investing heavily in efforts to modernize nation's aging postal network and achieve goal of 95% on-time delivery nationwide

TACOMA, WA — The United States Postal Service is conducting a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) of processing operations at its Tacoma Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC). The review was initiated to evaluate moving some of the mail processing operations from the Tacoma P&DC to the Seattle P&DC in Seattle, Washington.

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A public meeting will be held Tuesday, November 28 at 2:00 PM at the Tacoma Moore Branch Library, 215 South 56th St, Tacoma, WA 98408. USPS will share the initial results of the study and allow members of the community to provide additional oral feedback. A summary of the MPFR will be posted on *usps.com* at least one week prior to public input meeting. Members of the local community may submit written comments at <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mpfr-tacoma-wa through December 13</u>, 2023. The public's input will be considered prior to a final decision.

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## **USPS Proposes Improvements to Wenatchee Processing Facility**

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WENATCHEE, WA — The United States Postal Service is conducting a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) of processing operations at its Wenatchee Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC). The review was initiated to evaluate moving some of the mail processing operations from the Wenatchee P&DC to the Spokane P&DC in Spokane, Washington.

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A public meeting will be held Wednesday, November 29 at 2:00 PM at the Wenatchee Public Library -Auditorium, 310 Douglas St, Wenatchee, WA 98801. USPS will share the initial results of the study and allow members of the community to provide additional oral feedback. A summary of the MPFR will be posted on *usps.com* at least one week prior to public input meeting. Members of the local community may submit written comments at <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mpfr-wenatchee-wa</u> through December 14, 2023 The public's input will be considered prior to a final decision.

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