CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING:

Transportation & Service Performance Updates

August 31, 2020
Transportation Performance

Data Through 8/29/20
Transportation Analysis Overview

**Service Impacts:** USPS transportation and logistics professionals manage an average flow of over 390 million mail pieces daily throughout the Postal Service network, which includes 285 processing facilities and about 35,000 retail locations.

Postal Service facilities are linked by a complex transportation network that depends on the nation’s highway, air, rail, and maritime infrastructures. The success of each system affects the success of others. If surface transportation departs late or unscheduled trips are added, the connection between processing facilities, post offices, airlines, and others become misaligned, impacting downstream operations and hindering efforts to meet service performance.

**Financial Impacts:** In FY 2019, the Postal Service spent over $550 million extra in transportation to mitigate delays that occurred in the network:

- $266 million in extra trips;
- $130 million in overtime;
- $14 million in late trips; and
- $140 million in air freight mitigation

Effectively aligning operational plans and a timely, consistent transportation network will improve service and reduce cost.

For more information, please reference the Office of Inspector General Audit Report Number 20-144-R20
Trips on Time vs. Late and Extra Trips (Weekly)

Number of Trips on Time
Number of Late Trips
Number of Extra Trips

Trips on time references left axis. Late and extra trips references right axis

Source: SV - Surface Visibility
Late Trips Analysis

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Number of Late Trips

Baseline

Initiative

UCL=6465

X=4193

LCL=1920

1

UCL=1670

X=1147

LCL=625

Date

No. of Late Trips

6/1 6/10 6/19 6/28 7/7 7/16 7/25 8/3 8/12 8/21
Extra Trips Analysis

Source: SV - Surface Visibility
Service Performance

Data Through 8/26/20
All scores for current week-to-date (week of 8/22) are through 8/26. USPS Marketing Mail score for current week-to-date does not include Saturation Mail as that data is available after the end of the week i.e. on 9/1.
Last Mile Impact represents the score decrease caused by time spent in the last mile (from last processing scan to delivery); Processing score represents service performance from USPS possession to last processing scan measured against the service expectation; Overall score represents service performance from USPS possession to delivery (i.e. includes the last mile) measured against the service expectation; 1 Extra Day represents the overall score if the mailpiece had 1 extra day to meet service expectations; Scores are NOT weighted and may NOT match the official scores in slide 1 which are weighted.
First Mile Impact represents the score decrease caused by time spent in collection; Last Mile Impact represents the score decrease caused by time spent in the last mile (from last processing scan to delivery); Processing score represents service performance from USPS possession to last processing scan measured against the service expectation; Overall score represents service performance from USPS possession to delivery measured against the service expectation; 1 Extra Day represents the overall score if the mailpiece had 1 extra day to meet service expectations; Scores are NOT weighted and may NOT match the scores on slide 1 which are weighted.
USPS Marketing Mail

Score Breakdown – Processing vs Last Mile

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- Current week-to-date: 8/22 - 8/26

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