

MAIL PREP ENTRY STEERING COMMITTEE - Idea Log

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21	Mail Prep	Eliminate 3-digit CR prep level for STD and Periodical letters	Issue: This prep level requires unnecessary manual handling particularly for letters Resolution: Elimination of bundle and/or tray level for 3-digit CR letters	6/7/2012	USPS	STD/PER Letters	Investigate impact to Industry		Medium Priority	Proposed DMM Change Recommend: Closing	Y
23	Mail Prep	Origin Entry Separation	Issue: Origin entry (local mail) separation requirements are not aligned across each class/shape. This requirement allows for processing to start deeper in the system. May result in USPS cost savings and promote consistent and predictable service. Resolution: Require origin entry separation with minimums that avoid creating more trays with little volume.	6/7/2012	USPS	All	Industry will evaluate impact. Potential <u>Quick Win</u>		Medium Priority	Internal USPS Discussions Recommended: Closing	Y
74	Mail Prep	Removal of Origin Sack Mail	Issue: The mail preparer produces bundles of flats. The bundles are placed in the sacks. The sack label is attached to the holder and the sack is tied. The USPS has to remove the ties, open the sack and remove bundles. Resolution: Create bundles and place on origin pallets. MXD working pallets. The pallets can be dumped and processed on the APPS machine eliminating the step of opening the tied sacks.	9/10/2012	Susan Pinter	STD/PER Flats		Operations, Product Classification	Medium Priority	The issue is that not all USPS processing facilities have bundle sort capability. Data shows industry using a great deal of sacks. Because of this issue, the transportation of this mail to the bundle sort facility would become an issue. Recommend: Closing	Y
84	Pricing / Entry	Re-evaluate non-Machineable barcoded rates (PER & BPM over 20oz)	Issue: 218 UFSM 1000's have been removed from service and only 36 remain as of July 2013. With the equipment fleet nearly sunset, a review should be conducted to determine if any obsolete standards or prices remain which were related to utilizing that equipment	8/5/2013	USPS	Periodicals (news)		Pricing	Low Priority	Requires further discussions	Y
85	Mail Prep	USPS enhance DPS bundle prep operation (currently SAMP) to be capable of processing facility pallets. (today limited to scheme pallet)	Issue: The current SAMP operation is not capable of inducing facility pallets. The majority of FSS volume is prepped onto facility pallets. As a result, a majority of FSS prepped bundles require an additional bundle sort before reaching the SAMP, creating additional USPS transportation, processing costs, and puts service standards at risk. Resolution: If the current SAMP operation was improved to include induction of Facility pallets, this mail flow would no longer require bundle sorting, reducing USPS transportation costs, processing costs and improving their ability to meet service standards.	11/19/2013	MTAC WG#156 FLT DPS	DPS Flats			Low Priority	Multi scheme pallets - Work Group 168 working this issue related to multi-scheme pallets.	Y
91	Pricing	Explore pricing methods to strengthen or create uniform signals for FSS prep across each	Issue: Although the preparation rules for all DPS flats are the same, the price structures are all different. As a result, pricing signals are weakened as a vehicle to reach DPS ROI.	11/19/2013	MTAC WG#156 FLT DPS	DPS Flats			Low Priority	Rate change in 2015 - Continue to monitor	Y

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		class	Resolution: A serious dialogue should take place to align the pricing structures across classes to most strongly signal optimized preparation and entry of DPS flats.		FLI DPS						
104	USPS Network Ops	Explore new presort options for parcels, including 3-digit at DSCF and PSM schemes at DNDC	Issue: Presort options for parcels are somewhat limited. Additional cost savings and efficiencies could be gained by exploring additional presort options for parcels. Resolution: 3-digit DSCF entry and PSM scheme lists for DNDC entry could drive efficiencies for presorted parcels.	10/31/2013	MTAC WG#156 PRCLS	Parcel			Low Priority	Discounts are provided today for Machineable - 5 digit and NDC separations. Industry feels SCF separation is needed in order to generate growth in a competitive market.	Y
118	USPS Network Ops	FCM FLATS - 5 Digit Scheme	FCM Flats do not enable 5 Digit Scheme sortations. It isn't clear why - since other mail classes offer the opportunity to optimize presentment of flats utilizing schemes. The USPS initially reviewed this but indicated they weren't planning to offer further discounts. This seems contrary to this teams efforts -since having FCM presented with schemes seems it would also benefit the USPS. Can we please investigate this further to align on what value there is with this approach? Resolution: Modify the DMM to allow FCM Flats to enable 5 Digit Scheme sortation for qualifying discounts.	9/11/2015	Sharon Harrison	FCM Flat			Medium Priority	Received Data from the Industry Received data from the Postal Service. Reviewing the information	Y
120		Optimize Workshare Signals in Flats Price Structure	Price structure is as important as price itself to signal optimal workshare. Since the USPS processes all flat mail on the same processing equipment, optimal workshare could be attained if the price structure of all flats signalled the same prep and entry result. Today's price structures are not aligned in their signals increasing USPS costs. Resolution: The USPS and industry should consider a review of current standard flats mailing requirements and related price structures (not prices) to determine if a more activity based price structure would result in optimal workshare. This is the path Periodicals took in 2007 which has resulted in significant workshare improvements.	9/17/2015	Todd Black	Flats			Medium Priority	New Issue	Y
121	Mail Prep and Entry	Node Based Prep & Entry Rules	The processing capabilities of each USPS facility vary, yet the upstream preparation rules are "1 size fits all". As a result, a number of USPS facilities are presented mail that requires additional cost to transport, process and deliver. Node based presort would reduce the additional cost. Resolution: The USPS possesses various data sources that detail the capabilities of each processing facility. The industry has the manufacturing capability today to create facility-specific preparations. It is the presort software that interfaces with the manufacturing controls that would need to be addressed.	9/17/2015	Todd Black	All			Medium Priority	New Issue	Y