Leila Sanchez - City Council Meeting 05/23/2011

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Please add the Postal Workers of Twin Falls to the meeting agenda for the 23rd. We would like to discuss the USPS (United States Postal Service) taking our local mail away to Boise for processing. This will have a major impact on the city, the county, and postal customers in the Wood River Valley, Magic Valley and the Mini-Cassia area. There could be 20-30 jobs lost and this will affect many local businesses not just the postal employees and their families.

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TWIN FALLS, ID POSTMASTER

UNITED STATES
POSTAL SERVICE

May 23, 2011

The Honorable Travis Rothweiler
City Manager, Twin Falls, ID
P.O.Box 1907
Twin Falls, ID 83303-1907

Dear City Manager Rothweiler:

On April 13, we notified you that we were beginning an Area Mail Processing (AMP) feasibility study at the Twin Falls, ID, Customer Service Mail Processing Center. The Salt Lake District office has completed its review and submitted it to the Western Area Office for consideration.

We welcome public input and will hold a meeting to explain the proposal on June 7, at 6 p.m., at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Theatre, 315 Falls Avenue, in Twin Falls.

Attached please find a summary brief of the AMP proposal. We will post presentation materials along with a study summary on our website, *usps.com,* one week prior to the meeting.

We also will accept any public comment on the study up to 15 days after the meeting. Comments may be mailed to:

Consumer Affairs Manager
1760 West 2100 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84199-9631

If you have any questions concerning this AMP proposal, please contact Robert Vunder, Marketing Manager, at 801-974-2307.

Sincerely,

Bill Reese

Bill Reese
Postmaster

Attachment

1376 FILLMORE STREET
TWIN FALLS, ID 83301-9998
208-734-1452
FAX: 208-734-5587

AREA MAIL PROCESSING (AMP) FEASIBILITY STUDY
Twin Falls, ID CSMPC to Boise, ID P&DC

May 23, 2011

Area Mail Processing (AMP) is the consolidation of mail processing operations from one or more postal facilities to other facilities to improve operational efficiency and/or service.

An AMP study was initiated to evaluate the transfer of mail processing from the Twin Falls, ID Customer Service Mail Processing Center (CSMPC) to the Boise, ID Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC). The initial results of the study support the business case for consolidation. This study, currently in review at United States Postal Service Headquarters and its Area Office, is subject to change.

A public meeting will be held to share the initial results of the study and allow members of the community to ask questions and provide feedback. The public's input will be considered prior to a final decision.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at 6 p.m., at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Theatre, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Below are preliminary highlights from the study:

1. **Business Case**

   Proposed annual savings in the draft AMP feasibility study are approximately $623,398
   - Workhour savings of $307,654
   - Transportation savings of $71,445
   - Maintenance savings of $244,299

2. **Postal Employees**

   Due to the consolidation, a net decrease of approximately 6 positions is projected. All reassignments will be made in accordance with collective bargaining agreements.

3. **Local Customer Considerations**
   - Retail services will remain the same.
   - Business mail acceptance will remain the same.
   - A local postmark will be available for stamped First-Class Mail.
   - Local delivery of mail to residences and businesses will not change as a result of the AMP.

4. **Commercial Mailers**

   Mailers who presort mail will continue to receive appropriate postage discounts.

Written comments may be sent to the following:

Consumer Affairs Manager
1760 West 2100 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84199-9631

All comments must be postmarked by June 22, 2011.

PO BOX 5721
Twin Falls, ID 83303-5721

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May 25, 2011

Magic Valley Postal Customers
Wood River Valley Postal Customers
Mini-Cassia Postal Customers
833—Zip Code Postal Customers

RE: AMP by the Postal Service 2nd Notice

Dear Postal Customer:

I am once again writing to you on behalf of our local postal employees who are in jeopardy of losing their jobs or being moved to Boise by the United States Postal Service. This could eliminate about 30 jobs in the Twin Falls post office alone. ***The post office has decided to take the mail processing to Boise.*** This is our last opportunity to stop the transfer by getting the public and Congress involved.

We have a 24/7 operation here in Twin Falls. The mail comes in at night from our associate offices and gets worked so it is distributed to all 833 offices early the next morning. We process mail for the entire 833 area which includes 35 towns. We are located centrally between the towns that we process mail for. We have the equipment in our facility to sort mail and even to DPS (delivery point sequence) the letter mail. By trucking the mail to Boise which is 129 miles one way it is unlikely we will be able to maintain next day delivery standards for local mail. One example of delayed delivery is mail being mailed from Twin Falls to Pocatello. The mail would go from Twin Falls to Boise 129 miles one way. Then Boise would truck it back to Pocatello 235 miles (going within 3 miles of the original point of entry into the system)?? How is this feasible?

While the mail volume has dropped, our area continues to grow and houses are being built everyday. New businesses are moving to the area and since we already have the capability to process our own mail, how could it be more feasible to send it to Boise?

Please contact your Idaho legislators to stop the move:

Mr. Jim Risch, Senator
350 North 9th St., Ste 202
Boise, ID 83702
208-342-7985

Mr. Mike Crapo, Senator
251 East Front Street, Ste 205
Boise ID 83702
208-334-1776

Mr. Mike Simpson, US Rep.
802 W. Bannock, Ste 600
Boise, ID 83702
208-334-1953

Mr. Raul Labrador, US Rep
33 E. Broadway Avenue
Meridian ID 83642
208-888-3188

Local business mailers will lose some of the discount rates that they are now entitled to based on DSCF sortation. In this poor economy many businesses may not survive this additional and unnecessary expense. This will negatively affect all communities in the area and the trickle down effect will be enormous not the least of which may be seen in sales taxes, income taxes, the real estate market, etc.

Please, please take the time to contact your state legislators before this drastic change takes place and it cannot be undone.

Once again thank you for your consideration on this important issue. ***Your support would be greatly appreciated.***

Sincerely,

Donna L. Meyer
President APWU Local 179
208-320-2377 cell

Enclosure: Notice of Meetings Scheduled