

## USPS Statement on S&DCs (January 2023)

Source: [College Station mail carriers set to transition to Bryan amid new sorting & delivery plan](#), KBTX (Jan. 31, 2023)

As part of our 10-year Delivering for America plan, the Postal Service is working to modernize our delivery network. One component of this initiative is combining and centralizing carrier operations in new, large Sorting and Delivery Centers (S&DCs) over the coming years.

The goal of this initiative is to make significant improvements to the delivery network to better serve the American public and our business customers more efficiently and effectively. As part of this plan, carrier operations will shift, where feasible, to new S&DCs. These S&DCs will be optimized and configurable based on local market conditions – with many new S&DCs to be co-located in existing plants. These larger centers will have better infrastructure and adequate space, docks, conveyors, and material handling equipment to enable more efficient operations while modernizing and leveraging currently underutilized and vacant postal facilities around the nation.

This model will greatly improve our transportation utilization by reducing time and the cost of transportation to facilities, and in cases of co-location, eliminating the need for transportation entirely. Additionally, it will allow postal delivery routes to be revamped to make them more efficient and cost-effective. Furthermore, this initiative will enable us to utilize more battery electric vehicles, since more routes would be at the optimal length to make such vehicles operationally feasible, and since the vehicles would be originating from facilities with enhanced electricity infrastructure to support the necessary charging stations.

The creation of S&DCs will not change the locations of the Postal Service's retail units, including PO Box service (where applicable), and will enable the Postal Service to maintain reliable and efficient delivery services for all customers while also improving the Postal Service's ability appeal to both small and large shippers because it will enhance our ability to reach a much broader range of businesses and consumers under our new USPS Connect suite of products.

This process will take time. The first S&DC opened in Athens, Georgia in November. We are currently evaluating more than 100 new locations nationwide driven by operational and financial modeling to best serve our customers. The Postal Service will adhere to all legal, statutory, contractual, and regulatory requirements as we evaluate a potential nationwide rollout of this initiative in the coming years.”

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