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News & Updates Regarding the BMC Expansion!

Between the lack of mail, the expansion construction, the Postal Service's Network Distribution Center (NDC) plan and all the other changes going on locally and nationally, it is understandable that our members who may be impacted by the BMC expansion feel uneasy about what the future holds for them. Following is an excerpt of what Local President, Jerry Sirois reported in the September 2008 Northern Light:

The Eagan Project: During a meeting with the Unions and selected management officials District Manager Tony Williams announced that the Postal Service Board of Governors has approved the "Eagan Project". It was reported to us that construction of a \$150,000,000 project to add 600,000 sq ft to the existing Bulk Mail Center (BMC) will commence in December of this year and be completed between October 2010 and March 2011. The construction will be completed in three phases with an addition on the west portion of the BMC, then the south portion and concluding with revamping the existing BMC.

Along with existing operations at the BMC the operations that are being targeted to move into the completed facility are many of the existing St. Paul mail processing operations and the mail processing operations at the Twin Cities Metro Hub (TCMH). Employees should be able to find updates about the project at the USPS Lite Blue web site. Additionally, **as the project evolves District Manager Williams has pledged to keep the Unions apprised of the developments.**

At this time none of the operations presently performed in the Minneapolis P&DC are expected to move. As you could expect, the potential ramifications of a major project such as this are enormous and we will immediately begin discussions with all appropriate parties in order to determine the impact that may be posed to Minneapolis Area Local members. Please be patient as at this time there are way more questions than there are answers!

Fast forward to the present date and what has changed is of course that the construction is in full forward. We also know that there have been reports of employees "unofficially" being told of impacts the project will cause by persons in positions of authority. There is rampant speculation by all parties but no official notification from District Manager Williams of anything different being known than was reported last September! To our knowledge, District Manager Tony Williams or his designee remain the official contacts for the Unions and Managerial Organizations at the Local level that will be impacted by this expansion project. They have reported no known updates as of this date.

Contractually, with a project of this enormity there will be resulting impacts that require at least a six month notice to the Union at the National Level. We hope to receive an official update soon but in any case we should receive some definitive information before six months from the date the new expansion project is completed. Local Officers are constantly monitoring this situation due to all the ramifications it will pose for the Local and all Members! Please be assured that we will apprise all Members of updates as soon as they are officially reported. Until then we are requesting that any unofficial speculation by any Manager(s) to the Bargaining Unit regarding the Eagan Project pertaining to what its impact will entail be reported to the Union by calling our NE Office number 612-623-0677! We'll need names, dates, and specifics! Stay tuned.....

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