

**Mailer Technology Advisory Council (MTAC)
UG4 Face to Face Meeting
11/19/2015 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM**

USER GROUP 4 (UG4) SESSION

AGENDA

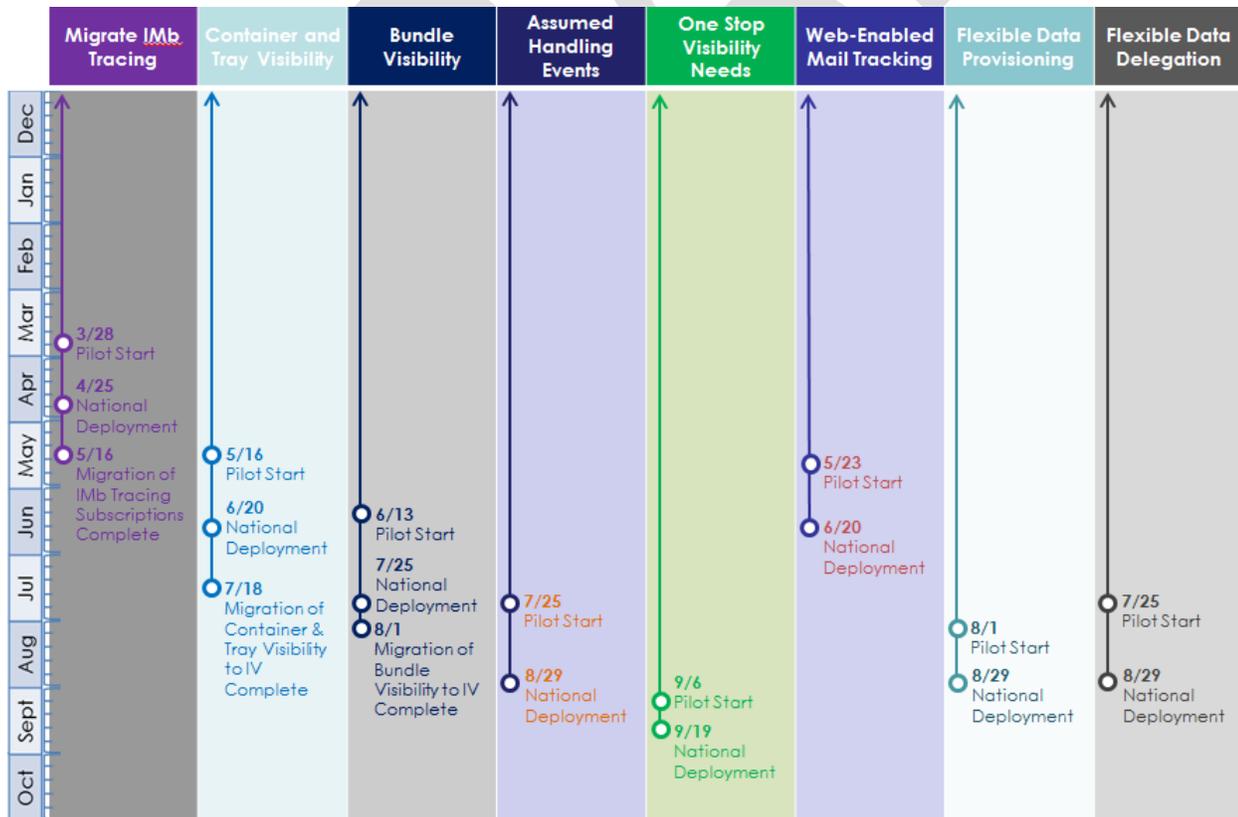
- 1) IV Timeline details
- 2) Current state communications/updates
- 3) IV Monitoring system and communications
- 4) Update on postal operations internal tools

DISCUSSION POINTS

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an ongoing forum to facilitate communications between the Postal Service and users, define and review improvements in process/production functionality and address and resolve issues.

IV Timeline Details

- USPS is building the architecture to support data provisioning in IV. Mailers will receive the data from IMb tracing as they do today, and the transition should be seamless.
- Group members requested IV to present the planned architecture for Mail Tracking and Reporting in a future UG4 meeting.
- The IV Timeline was presented, as outlined below.



- Bundle Visibility - There is a pilot going on today with only a few subscribers, however a more extensive pilot will begin on June 13, 2016, National Deployment is scheduled for July 25, 2016, and a migration of Bundle Visibility.

Current state Communications/Updates

- The two components of Corporate Reporting are 1) initiating change internally, by a “186” or clearance to let every functional group know of the change they are gauging and the impact to other systems, and 2) releasing external communications to industry partners regarding the impact of these changes. Both are being currently performed, and will continue into the future.
- IMb Tracing application should be published in short order.
- A question was raised regarding the system architecture and data flow. This information will be shared with the industry as the USPS finalizes each “module” within IV. The response also noted that the relevant interest would be in the data flow rather than the system architecture.
- It was emphasized that message formatting, data access and data delegation as discussed over the past few months would be seen in IMb Tracing. The tracing and coding components have already begun.
- IV will migrate to a new environment. IV will move off the old platform, and will provide new data sets. To date, a number of issues have been mitigated.
- Industry would like to know when new data attributes will be available ahead of time, e.g., if a certain field will be ready at a certain time so they can plan accordingly.
- Industry members would like to be ready and prepared to keep up with any changes to coding in IV, and it was confirmed that the initial cut over will be transparent as data will come thru as it does today.
- Bob Rosser – It is vital to the industry to know that machine IDs will be available to IMb Tracing.
- Future Agenda Item: Data format discussions – IV Tags, machine numbers and additional attributes will be discussed in upcoming UG4 meetings.
- Mailers had concerns regarding scorecards as they anticipated being held to a new standard by 1st quarter, and requested more in depth information to be able to assess what IT resources they would need.
- It was clarified that visibility from mobile delivery devices would be provisioned through IMb Tracing and available when we migrate on 3/28/15.
- New Ops codes for logical delivery events will be added in March, 2016. They will be sent out to the group.
- Amy – Emphasized that the data to be provided for logical delivery events is more of a policy issue.
- Angelo – there is a concern that carrier route flats are non-machine-able, and as such do not qualify for Full Service. This is negatively impacting mailers’ scorecards.
- It was confirmed that we will have monitoring for subscribers, although the actual timeline will need to be clarified by Amy.
- Himesh – is currently working on workload planning and inventory monitoring.
- Steve Dearing – There is a question concerning how much data USPS should store in an effort to provision data back to customers. From a business case perspective, long term storage of data has limited use to USPS, however an agreement needs to be made.
- Steve Dearing – USPS is interested in the right technology that will help determine active volume associated to a trip/truck, and how to apply this information to scheduling and a particular facility. The goal is to become more efficient in dock management; this will require a communication interchange.
- Himesh – Added that the main goal for UG4 was ideation. He would like to build in more time for that in the future.

There were no further comments. The meeting was adjourned.