

**Mailer Technology Advisory Council (MTAC)
Meeting Report
06/29/2016 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM**

USER GROUP 4 (UG4) SESSION

AGENDA

- 1) Welcome to new members
- 2) IMb Tracing® issue
- 3) IV Update
 - Feedback on circulated draft documents (IV Data Dictionary and Sample Data Set)
 - Release 1 Pilot and National Rollout Status
 - RIBBS Document Updates
 - Questions and Answers
 - Feedback on Draft IV™ Technical Guide
- 4) July Meetings Calendar
- 5) Any Other Business

DISCUSSION POINTS

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

Welcome to new members

- The group extended a warm welcome Russell Kunz, who recently joined, and to all new members. The MTAC UG4 welcome slide was presented.

IMb Tracing Issue

- The issue as reported to MTAC UG4, where customers saw a significant drop in scan data, has been linked to lower scan volumes of flats for FSS through the IOS data stream in comparison to the MPT data stream. This would have impacted IMb Tracing customers beginning with the 5/21/16 conversion from MPT to IOS.
- The short term solution is to revert to the Mail Processing Transaction (MPT) data stream for FSS data for the IMb Tracing application.
- The rollback occurred at approximately 4:00 pm, CDT on Tuesday, 6/26/16. A notification has been sent to all subscribers.
- A detailed comparison of the MPT and IOS data for FSS was done to identify and resolve the reasons for the lower scan volumes.
- The short term work around, using the MPT data stream for FSS instead of IOS, could potentially be implemented for IV™ in case a longer term solution has not been put in place before the Release 1 pilot starts.
- It was asked if there was a location to view any known system issues or defects for the legacy systems. Amy confirmed that for IV™, a defects list will be posted on the IV website or posted on RIBBS.
- Maureen – A quality control check is important in IDS before the data comes to IV™. Please put this on the MTAC UG4 Issues list.

IV™ Update – MTAC UG4 Feedback on circulated documents

- The draft IV™ Data Dictionary and Draft IV™ Sample Data Set were sent out to UG4 for offline review. Feedback was requested by next Wednesday, July 6th, COB.

IV™ Update – Release Pilot 1 and National Rollout

- A gap between legacy IMb Tracing and PostalOne! subscriptions and IV™ has been discovered. Therefore, Release Pilot

1 has been delayed until July 18th; the National Rollout, dependent on a successful pilot, has been rescheduled to August 8, 2016. Downstream releases have been impacted by 1-3 weeks. A revised schedule will be posted to RIBBS, and both communications and training plans will be updated.

IV™ Update – RIBBS Updates

- Also posted on RIBBS are the Draft IV™ Technical Guide and the IV™ Secure Socket Layer (SSL) certificate for Mail.XML pull messages. Updates have been made to the IV™ Mail Tracking and Migration Timeline, IV™ Mail Tracking Communication Plan, IV™ Mail Tracking and Migration Training Matrix, and IV™ Overview and Mail Tracking Data Migration Process.
- Lisa Bowes – suggested that a description of the certificate and instructions on what to do should be placed on RIBBS as well.

IV™ Update – Questions and Answers

- A Question and Answer series was presented by Amy. See slides 13-16.
- Additional questions were raised by the group.
 - Load Leveling:
 - On the topic of load leveling, which occurs when mail should be delivered based on the service standard, clarifications were made that load leveling impacts the Expected Date of Delivery (EDD) rather than the Anticipated Date of Delivery (ADD).
 - Logical Delivery Events:
 - Judy – Will the LDE clarify the actual delivery?
 - Judy – Will the LDE give us further actual visibility or is it making a projection based on the inventory.
 - Amy – we are using the same ADD calculation to determine the date for the LDE. For a subset of the stop-the-clock event codes, an LDE will be created.
 - Deferred or Curtailed Mail:
 - Lisa – Deferred/curtailed mail is a Visibility gap
 - Himesh – 918, 919 operations do not get curtailed. First class mail is not curtailed.
 - Lisa – Would like to see what mail is being deferred at the DU.

July Meetings

- The upcoming MTAC UG4 Meeting schedule was announced as follows:
 - July 6 – A meeting will be held as usual
 - July 13 – The meeting is cancelled
 - July 20 – A meeting will be held as usual
 - July 27 – Week of Idealliance; need to discuss with Industry Co-Chairs

The meeting was adjourned.

Action Item: Amy to check on rules for Op Code 918. When we receive a 918 on one day, a logical delivery event is created. Checking to see if we get another stop the clock event the next day.