

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
AND THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS, AFL-CIO**

Re: Alternate Route Evaluation Process

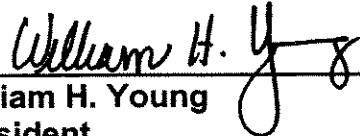
The National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO (NALC) and United States Postal Service recognize the importance of maintaining routes in proper adjustment throughout the year. The existing route evaluation process is often a source of disputes between the parties. In an effort to minimize such disputes and to make the route evaluation and adjustment process more efficient and less intrusive, the parties agree to establish a National Task Force to jointly explore alternative methods of evaluating, adjusting and maintaining routes.

The topics to be addressed by the National Task Force will also include the evaluation and adjustment of routes through the minor route adjustment process pursuant to Section 141 of Handbook M-39.

The Task Force will be established with the signing of this Memorandum, and will include four members from the NALC, and four members of the Postal Service. The Task Force will report to the NALC National President and the Postal Service Vice President, Labor Relations. A final report outlining findings and recommendations will be issued by the Task Force no later than six months from the date of this Memorandum. The term of the Task Force may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties.



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