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McCaskill To Discuss Plans To Keep Rural Post Offices Open

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) _ U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill seeks to avoid closing rural post offices under her proposal to maintain six-day mail delivery.

The Missouri Democrat will be in Kansas City on Monday to discuss the proposals she wants incorporated into the 21st Century Postal Service Act. She provided details of her plan in advance to The Associated Press.

The U.S. Postal Service is expected to lose a record \$14.1 billion this year as increased Internet use reduces mail volume. A plan to close mail centers and post offices has been put on hold until mid-May.

McCaskill is proposing cutting costs by reducing agency payments that fund future retiree health benefits. She's also asking for a new business model that would return the agency to financial health within a year.

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