

**To:** NexGen Leadership

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**Subject:** Project Brief: A New Tool for Smarter Deliveries

## 1. The Challenge We're Facing

After digging into our data, it's clear our biggest challenge is that we're always **playing catch-up**. We usually find out about a delivery delay *after* it's already late.

This reactive approach is costly. It leads to more spending on fuel and labor for re-deliveries, ties up our customer service team, and, most importantly, results in unhappy customers and the low ratings we've seen in the feedback data. We're stuck reacting to problems instead of getting ahead of them.

## 2. My Solution: A Two-in-One Operations Tool

To solve this, I've built a working prototype of a new software tool. It's a simple, easy-to-use web application that does two key things for our operations managers:

1. **A Live Dashboard:** This part shows us, at a glance, exactly how we're doing *right now*. We can instantly see our overall on-time percentage, which carriers are performing well (and which aren't), and which routes are causing the most delays.
2. **A "Delay Risk-Checker":** This is the core innovation. A manager can plug in the details of a *new* order before it even leaves the warehouse (like its origin, destination, and assigned carrier) and instantly get a "Delay Risk Score."

## 3. The Big Idea: From Looking Back to Looking Ahead

The real breakthrough here isn't just the dashboard; it's the shift from **looking at the past to predicting the future**.

Instead of just running reports that tell us "what went wrong last week," this tool uses a machine learning model (trained on our *own* delivery data) to tell us "what might go wrong *tomorrow*."

It gives our team the power to spot a potential problem *before* it happens, giving them a chance to actually prevent it.

## 4. How This Helps the Business

This tool directly tackles the main goals you set out.

- **It Helps Cut Costs:** When we spot a high-risk order, we can be smart about it. We can switch it to a more reliable carrier for that route or give it priority in the warehouse. This will save us real money on fuel and labor from failed deliveries and reduce customer service calls.

- **It Makes Customers Happier:** We can either stop the delay from happening, or at the very least, warn the customer ahead of time. That honesty builds trust and will absolutely improve our satisfaction ratings.
- **It Makes Us Smarter:** It gives our operations team a simple tool they can use every single day to make data-driven decisions.
- **It Makes Us an Innovator:** This is exactly the kind of smart, AI-powered tool that positions us as a technology leader in the logistics field, not a follower.

## 5. Technology Used

For those interested, the tool was built using:

- **Python** and **Streamlit** (for the web app)
- **Pandas** and **Scikit-learn** (for the data analysis and the prediction model)
- **Plotly** (for the interactive charts)