

Mayor's Report
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In Nibley's March Newsletter, I promised links to weather and river data. If you haven't looked for it, here the file with the links

http://nibleycity.com/images/Weather_Links.pdf



Here are some of the things I worked on this week, and an indication to what's going on in Nibley City governance.

- Trash collection
- UDOT
- Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO)
- Transfer of Development Rights Ordinance
- Miscellaneous Meetings

Rather than type full names and titles throughout this report, I use these references.

Justin	Justin Maughan, City Manager
Darren	Darren Farar, City Engineer
Levi	Levi Robers, City Planner



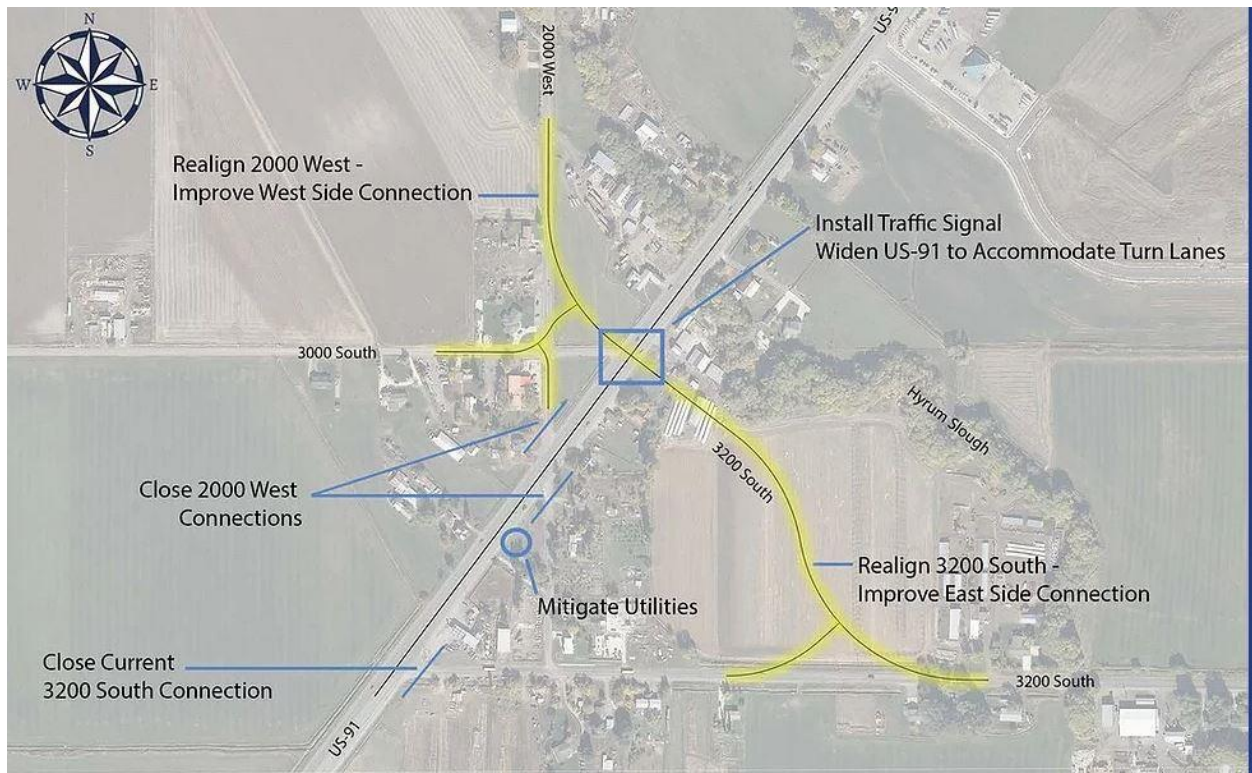
Trash Collection. The non-Logan mayors, county executive, and several county commissioners met to talk about Logan's decision to terminate the contract that provides trash collection outside of Logan's boundaries. The Cache County Attorney reviewed contracts dating back to 1973 to estimate whether Logan owns the capital assets (landfills, transfer stations, vehicles) developed under those contracts. The County Attorney's opinion was that those assets are owned by Logan. The mayors created a working group to consider alternatives to the Logan-provided services, including the possibility of a private company for collection and landfilling our trash. The non-Logan parts of the county – including Nibley – have two years to replace the existing service. There's a bit of drama associated with this topic, and certainly, I have strong feelings about it as well. I don't understand Logan's decision to terminate the contract; however, I admit that it is Logan's decision to make. The good news is we don't have to write new physics to figure out how to service Nibley's citizens with trash collection and charge a reasonable fee. We can figure this out. The engineer in me urges that we be realistic about where we are and figure out how to get where we need to be. Stay tuned.

**"The pessimist complains about the wind;
the optimist expects it to change;
the realist adjusts the sails."**

*- William Arthur Ward
Writer, (1921 - 1994)*

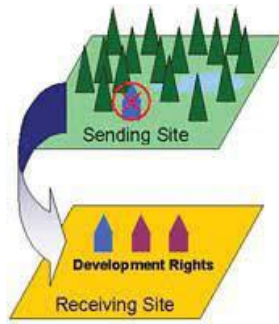


UDOT. City staff (Justin, Darren, and Levi) and I met with Rob Wight, UDOT First District Manager. This was an introductory meeting for me, and it was good to meet Rob. We talked about activity on Hwy 89/91 and Hwy 165. We were pleased to learn that construction to install a traffic signal in Hwy 89/91 at the 3200 S alternative will begin in June or July of this summer. A couple of years ago, a collaborative decision including Nibley City, Logan City, Cache County, UDOT, and public input established this plan after the deal to put a traffic light at the existing intersection of 3200 S and Hwy 89/91 fell through. This adopted plan bends 3200 S North to a signalized intersection on Hwy 89/91, as shown in the following map. The current west end of 3200 S will be converted to a cul-de-sac and no longer connect with Hwy 165.



Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO).

The CMPO aids in regional planning, especially on transportation issues. I attended a meeting with Justin and Darren to kick off the year. The CMPO is the parent organization of the Council of Governments (COG) that prioritizes road projects that spend voter-approved sales tax funds. Of note was a \$400k payment of COG funds to UDOT on the Nibley 3200 S project (mentioned above). In 2020, Nibley received \$1,250k from the COG for the 3200 S and 1200 W roundabout. We will also apply for funding this year to build 1200 W through Nibley.



Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Ordinance. Levi is leading this effort to write an ordinance for the P&Z Commission and City Council to consider that would preserve critical open space in one part of Nibley while developing other parts to a higher density. In that regard, it is like our Open Space Ordinance. However, this ordinance would coordinate the preservation and development between parcels of land owned by different individuals working on different projects. Levi and I agree that writing an ordinance might be the easier part of this process. Making it work for the benefit of all of Nibley's Citizens to identify critical open space while allowing more intensive development in other parts of Nibley might be the harder part.

Miscellaneous Meetings. I attended last week's Planning Commission meeting and listened to a discussion on our future land use map. I try not to say much at Planning Commission meetings so it can be an independent body from the City Council. I am working on a plan that will maintain that independence and still provide the right level of coordination. Stay tuned.

Thanks for reading. You are my boss. Please call, text, or email anytime.

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