

Mayor's Report
21 March 2022 – 26 March 2022
Larry Jacobsen

Greetings, boss.

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

- Opening 2600 South
- Trash collection services
- Bear River Association of Governments (BRAG)
- Parks and Recreation Committee

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

Justin	Justin Maughan, City Manager
Darren	Darren Farar, Engineer
Levi	Levi Robers, Planner
Cheryl	Cheryl Bodily, Recorder

Opening the west end of 2600 South. You might have noticed new pavement that was installed last fall on the west end of 2600 continuing to US-89/91. The road is privately owned, and it is currently closed to traffic by the owner. The eventual plan is for Nibley City to accept the road's ownership. That dedication, along with fully finishing the road with curb and gutter, sidewalks, etc., will come with subdivision and development. For reasons of safety, efficient traffic movement, and commercial potential, 2600 S will be more valuable to Nibley citizens if it has a signalized intersection with US-89/91. The usual process that leads UDOT to install a traffic light is to conduct a traffic study and verify that the light is warranted. With 2600 S currently closed, that first step doesn't make sense. Therefore, Justin, Darren, Levi, and I met to identify the items from Nibley's perspective required to open the west end of 2600 S. We will work with UDOT and the landowner to accomplish that list.



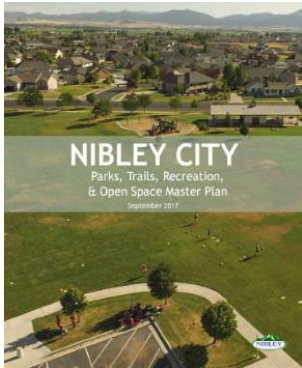
In conjunction with opening 2600 S, the landowner asked the City Council and for me to write a letter of support to legislative leadership and UDOT for the traffic light at 2600 S and US-89/01. The Council reviewed their letter at last week's City Council meeting. If you are interested, I have pasted at the end of this report a representative copy of the letter I sent to Senate President Stuart Adams. If nothing else, that letter gives a history of the planning that has gone into balancing the development and conservation of this important corridor that runs through Nibley.



Trash collection services. The regional mayors and representatives from Cache County continue to work towards replacing the trash collection service that was previously provided through a contract with Logan City. One of the short-term solutions is to start discussions with private companies to investigate a contract to accomplish this. Because the collective group of mayors has no governance authority, including no purchasing policy that would lead to spending public funds, the next step is to organize a

governance body of this group. David Zook, County Executive, and John Luthe, County Attorney, are writing bylaws and a purchasing policy for the group of mayors to consider. I asked our City Council during our meeting last week to authorize me to be a part of group of mayors to collectively negotiate, issue Requests for Proposals (RFPs), along with evaluation and recommendation of those RFPs. The Council approved that request. As I see it, this group of mayors can collectively negotiate a contract on behalf of Nibley City but cannot bind Nibley City to such a contract. That budgetary power is reserved for the Council. My plan is to bring a proposed contract to our City Council when we have a draft.

Bear River Association of Governments. I volunteered to be one of the Cache County representatives for the group of mayors described in the previous paragraph. From BRAG's website, "BRAG was formed in 1971 by Box Elder, Cache, and Rich Counties. BRAG is a voluntary organization of local governments created to facilitate intergovernmental cooperation and to insure the orderly and harmonious coordination of federal, state, and local programs for the solution of mutual problems of the region." One of the biggest potentials for this group to apply for and distribute Federal grants. This first meeting for the year didn't involve a lot of heavy lifting. Still, I am happy to be with a group that works with regional issues. More to come.



Parks and Rec Committee. One of the miscellaneous meetings that I attended last week was the Parks and Rec Committee meeting. I continue to be impressed with this group. I mentioned in a previous report the Capital Improvements Plan, a plan that compares the costs of projects from all of plans to projected revenues. The Council accepted that plan this week, and the Parks and Rec Committee (PRC) reviewed it as well. Everyone who looks at this report tends to suffer from sticker shock. The Capital Improvements Plan is important to the PRC because a lion's share of our discretionary expenses is devoted to Parks and Recreation. I appreciated Cody Sorenson's (president of the PRC) strong suggestion that we have a look at the current Parks, Trails, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan (last updated in 2017) to see if priorities have shifted.

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

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Attachments: Letter to Stuart Adams supporting a traffic light at 2600 S and US-89/91.

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Council Members
Kathryn Beus
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25 March 2022

The Honorable J. Stuart Adams
President of the Utah Senate
via email

Dear Senator Adams,

I write to show my enthusiastic support for a signalized intersection of US-89/91 and 2600 S in Nibley, Utah. This support comes with my respect and appreciation for the highway that connects Cache Valley to the rest of Utah.

There is a special place on US-89/91 that everyone who lives in Cache Valley can identify. As we travel north crossing the Box Elder-Cache County line and continue down from the summit, there is a particular curve on the highway where the view opens, revealing the full beauty of Cache Valley. That view changes with the time of year and the time of day, and we know we are home when we round that bend. Highway US-89/91 is an important part of our Cache Valley lives, and we are devoted to the care and feeding of that highway.

I have been involved in several efforts that show Cache Valley's commitment to US-89/91. The Sustainable Design Assessment Team of the American Institute of Architects descended on Cache Valley in 2005 to focus on US-89/91. In 2011, elected officials and citizens cooperated to write the Cache Valley South Corridor Development Plan for US-89/91. Nibley's Transportation Master Plans over the past 25+ years, along with the US-89/91 Access Management plan, have honored our connections to, and preservation of, this corridor.

Each of these plans have understood the need for safe, efficient, and attractive development of this important corridor. Towards those goals, those plans also anticipated signalized traffic intersections at appropriate places. The intersection at 3200 S is one of those places, and we appreciate UDOT's effort that will start construction this summer on that intersection. We view the 2600 S signalization as another important project. With the growth of Cache Valley, the placement of schools including Ridgeline High School on the east end of 2600, the commercial development on 2600 S, combined with the need for safe access to US-89/91, I urge you to consider the importance of signaling this intersection.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "LARRY JACOBSEN". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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