

## Mayor's Report

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Here is my Status Report for the week.



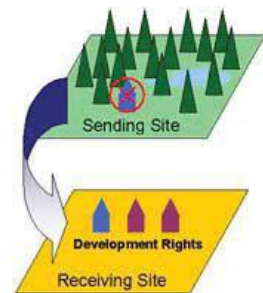
**Council of Governments (COG).** The Council of Governments is the body that awards a voter-approved local sales tax for transportation projects in Cache County. All the mayors in the county are members of the COG, and we met to agree on the process that could award nearly \$7M towards transportation projects this year. Nibley has received funding for the roundabout at 3200 South and 1200 West, and we plan to ask for funding to build 1200 West north of the roundabout. The local municipality must match at least 7% of the project to receive funding. As part of our meeting, the COG considered changes to the application process. Currently, cities must complete 90% of the design work for their project to be considered for funding. That design expense can be charged to the project or counted as part of their 7% match if they receive funding. However, if their project doesn't get funded, then the design money is not reimbursed. This year, cities can now request COG funding to pay for the 90% design requirement. I worried that this could play to legislative bodies tendency to "over study" issues, and local entities might not have enough "skin in the game". As such, the COG could get out-of-balance by paying for loads of design work that never hits the ground. The mayors assured one another that this won't happen, and the new rule is now in place.

**More on 2600 South.** The proposed development on 2600 South hit a snag last week. I believe we need to do a better job of agreeing on expectations between the developer and Nibley City. I spent time and energy on this, and I hope and expect that we can get back on the right track.



**Little League.** Two of my most enjoyable hours on Nibley City property were umpiring a little league baseball game last week. I was a little rusty from the offseason, but it was a blast. I got to work with a new field umpire, met some new coaches, and caught up with some old friends – players and parents – from last year. Good stuff.

**Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Ordinance.** Nibley City is working on an ordinance that would preserve critical open space in one part of Nibley while developing other parts to a higher density. This process transfers development rights from a sending area to a receiving area. Last week we met with farmers that have land in and around Nibley that might send development rights to a receiving area. This would essentially allow farmers to be paid for their development rights but continue to own and farm their land. To balance the equation, we must also find receiving areas that are given more-intensive land uses.



Thanks for reading this report. You are my boss. Please let me know what you are thinking. Call, text, or email.

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