

Road Beautification Using Landscaped Medians

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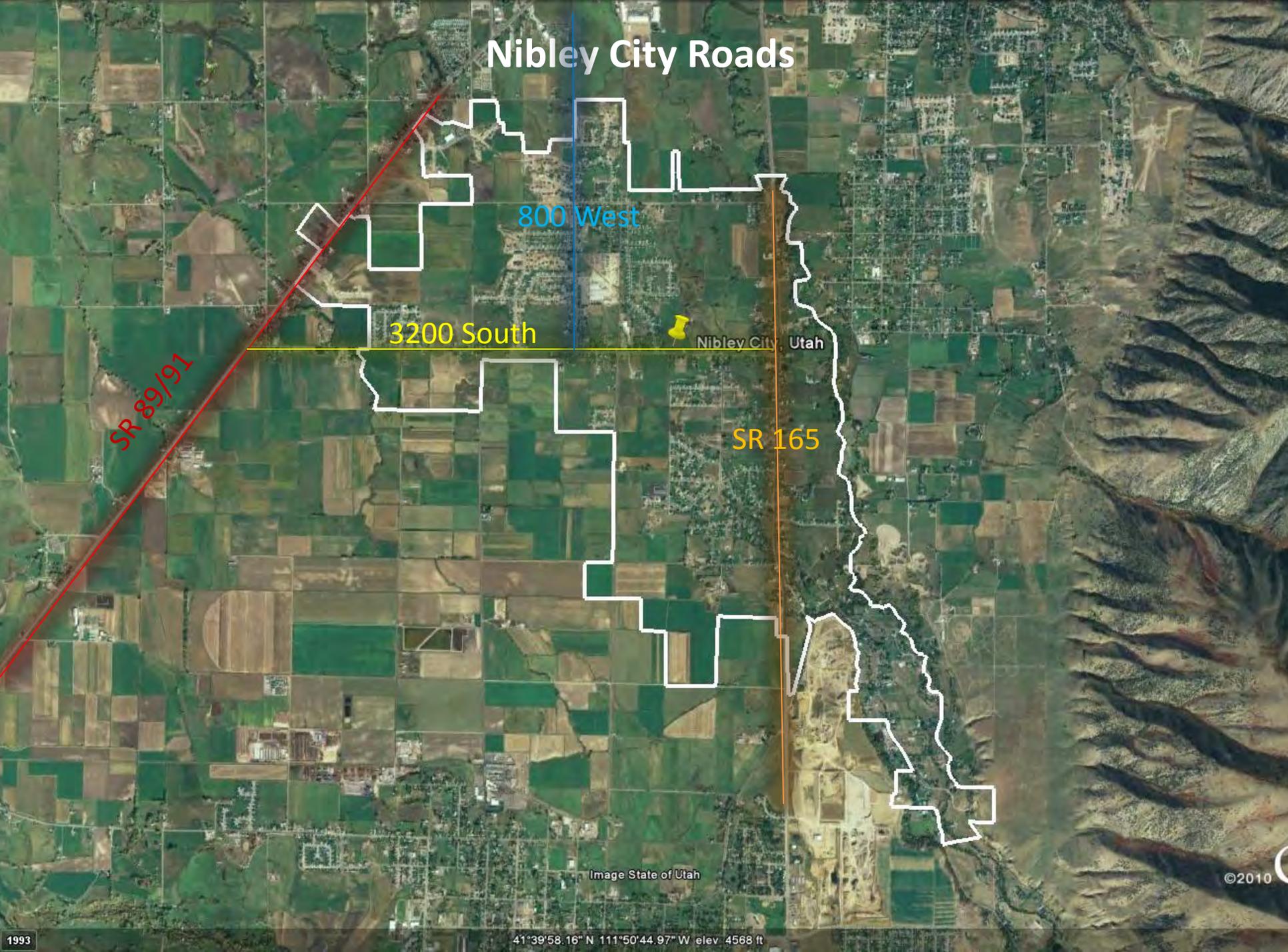


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Nibley City Roads



SR 89/91

800 West

3200 South

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SR 165

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Why Landscaped Medians?

- Create a unique city identity
 - Something different than just asphalt
- Spend money we don't have?
 - Really?



Landscaped Median Costs

- An average 10' by 200' median cost the same as asphalt to install
 - Median \$6,620
 - Equivalent asphalt \$6,600
- Use park budget to landscape and maintain
 - Landscaping cost \$6,540
 - Annual maintenance cost \$800



Landscaped Median Goals

- Beautify an otherwise black transporter
- Calm traffic:
 - Slow speeds through the city while maintaining a steady traffic flow.
 - Sooth driver and prepare him or her to return home relaxed.



Landscape Median Opposition

- Rumored quotes:
 - “These are the stupidest things the mayor has ever imagined.” Mayor’s wife, Trudy
 - “We’ll have to raise their taxes again.” Larry Anhder, City Manager
 - “The snowplows will take them out the first winter.” Bill Saunders, Public Works Director



Landscaped Median Problems

- We have had two cars end up in the medians.
 - One was a woman on her way to cheer on the University of Utah football team
 - Destroyed three trees and her car.
 - The other was the city manager while plowing snow.
 - Destroyed his pride.



Landscaped Median Successes

- Reduced average speed on 800 West by 6 mph
 - Before medians average speed 37 mph in a 25 mph zone
 - After medians 31 mph
 - Interestingly the 85th percentile speeds went from 44 to 35mph



Positive Feedback

- “Nibley is becoming the best looking city in Cache Valley.” Mayor’s brother and resident of Providence
- “I am very impressed with your landscaped medians. They are beautiful. I love the trees.”
A former Nibley resident





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Questions?

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