

VIRGIN, UTAH

RESOLUTION No. 2025-M

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF VIRGIN ENCOURAGING WASHINGTON COUNTY TO
IMPROVE SHEEP BRIDGE ROAD WITH PEDESTRAIN AND BICYCLING FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, Sheep Bridge Road is an unimproved gravel road in Virgin Town, Utah, connecting SR-59 and SR-9 (excluding a small portion from the bridge to SR-9), and

WHEREAS, BLM has designated camping sites and plans to have over 150 sites along Sheep Bridge Road; and

WHEREAS, the Jem trail, a popular mountain bike and pedestrian trail, crosses Sheep Bridge Road in several places; and

WHEREAS, Sheep Bridge Road crosses the popular Nature Conservancy Sheep Bridge Nature Preserve; and

WHEREAS, Sheep Bridge Road runs alongside the largest residential subdivision in Virgin; and

WHEREAS, Sheep Bridge Road is under the jurisdiction of Washington County, and

WHEREAS, Washington County has received Federal Aid funding through the State of Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) in the amount of \$4,875,960 to improve the roadway with asphalt paving in 2026, and

WHEREAS, Zion National Park is closing the tunnel to vehicles over 25' 9" in length and other large vehicles, trucks, and recreational vehicles in mid-2026; and

WHEREAS, most of these vehicles rerouted from Zion National Park will use Sheep Bridge Road thereby increasing the traffic and size of vehicles on Sheep Bridge Road and

WHEREAS, the road improvement will result in additional traffic, larger vehicles, and higher speeds, creating risks for campers, pedestrians, and cyclists, and

WHEREAS, it is the Town's understanding that a paved bike and pedestrian path along the planned paved road have been delayed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Virgin Town Council respectfully requests that Washington County add to the scope of the Sheep Bridge Road improvement project pedestrian and bicycle facilities, including paved paths on one or both sides of the

roadway, to ensure the safety of residents and visitors alike who wish to walk and bike along the road.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of Virgin, Utah, this November day of 18, 2025.

VIRGIN, UTAH

By: _____

Jean Krause, Mayor

Attest: _____

Krystal Percival, Town Clerk/Recorder

<u>Vote</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jean Krause, Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul Luwe, Council Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mistie Baird, Council Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
April McKeon, Council Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valerie Wenz, Council Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Jean Krause, Mayor Date

Paul Luwe, Council Member Date

Mistie Baird, Council Member Date

April McKeon, Council Member Date

Valerie Wenz, Council Member Date

RECORDED this _____ day of _____ 2025

PUBLISHED or POSTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

CERTIFICATE OF PASSAGE AND PUBLICATION OR POSTING

In accordance with Utah Code Annotated §63G-30-102 as amended, I, the Town Clerk/Recorder of Virgin, Utah, hereby certifies that the foregoing Ordinance was duly passed and published or posted via Class A Notice at:

- 1) Utah Public Notice website
- 2) Virgin Town website, www.virgin.utah.gov
- 3) Virgin Town Hall

Krystal Percival, Town Clerk/Recorder
Virgin Town, Utah