

First, I would like to publicly thank Mayor Krause for listening to the citizens complaints about SR9 and taking action.

#1 The "LaVerkin Twist" needs to be widened to include bicycle lanes in each direction. I have often come around the blind turn going toward Zion and have come across a bike or more riding two abreast in the middle of the lane.

#2 The top of the "Twist" is an accident waiting to happen. There is very little warning of the lane merge. Across from the existing merge is the entrance to the gun range. Many times, there are 50+ trucks pulling UTVs trying to get in or out, as this is also another entrance to Toquerville Falls. Sometimes they are on both sides of SR9. This has resulted in accidents and many near misses. I believe that the entrance to the trail and gun range should be blocked off with Jersey Barricades and a new entrance installed East on SR9 approximately 200 yards or as far as it needs to get out of the merge area.

#3 I have literally been behind thousands of cars that apparently miss seeing the first 65 MPH sign just above the Twist and continue toward Zion at 50 to 55 MPH. These same cars come across the 65 MPH sign by the historical marker and then speed up through town.

#4 The Town is no longer walkable across SR9 due to excessive speed, volume of vehicles and erratic and or aggressive drivers. The speed needs to be lowered to 40 MPH as it is in LaVerkin, Leeds, Toquerville, Rockville, Veyo. This should be from Desert Gardens subdivision all the way through town and past the hotel.

#5 Turning right or left from Kolob Terrace Rd onto SR9 is hazardous, recently resulting in two deaths and two injured. There needs to be a stoplight installed at that intersection and another where Weeping Buffalo is being built. This resort will bring a huge amount of traffic to its entrance.

#6 Every road in town that intersects SR9 needs to have a right turn in and a right turn out lane so that residents can safely leave or access their neighborhoods without getting rear ended.

#7 There needs to be a way to safely walk or bike from one side of SR9 to the other to the South so that City Hall and the Town Park can be accessed. This could be a pedestrian overpass, or another stop light at Mill Street.

#8 The noise coming from the traffic on SR9 is deafening many times. A 40 MPH speed limit would go a long way in dealing with it. There are better types of asphalt that are quieter. SR 17 through Toquerville is much quieter than we have in Virgin. Can that quieter paving be used next time SR9 is resurfaced? Or would sound walls be an option? Many UTVs, cars, and motorcycles are running modified exhaust that does not meet Utah Code 41-6a-1626 (emitting

excessive noise) Also to ease the noise, a "No Engine Brake" zone should be made of the entire town

#9 Huge amounts of ATVs and UTVs now come to the area. The vast majority have no fenders or mud flaps. They use SR9 just as any other vehicle doing highway speeds, but they throw rocks out of their tires causing windshield damage after leaving the trails.

#10 Many of the belly and standard dump trucks do not cover their loads. This showers SR9 with dirt and gravel resulting in windshield damage. Uncovered loads spewing waste also applies to many people going to the Virgin Transfer Station(dump)

#11 The center turn lane is constantly being used as a passing lane by aggressive drivers that do not wish to do the speed limit. This is a very common occurrence

#12 The dirt trail in UDOTs easement also gets used as a passing lane by people not wishing to do the speed limit. I've been passed numerous times this way.

#13 Many construction workers traveling in and out of the area on SR9 do not secure their loads, use undersized trucks and trailers to haul heavy equipment. I would doubt that many have the DOT required safety equipment or correct GVWR. There's safety issues involved

Items 9 thru 13 require law enforcement. Without enforcement nothing will ever get better. It should not be up to the town to pay for something that the State of Utah should be enforcing on the entire stretch of SR9. It's a rare day to see a UHP Trooper up here.

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