PERMITTING CLASS 1 ELECTRIC ASSISTED BICYCLES
ON ALL PAVED PATHWAYS INCLUDED WITHIN THE
NORTH MOAB RECREATION AREAS
ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM
WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF GRAND COUNTY
OR ON LAND OWNED BY GRAND COUNTY

WHEREAS, the North Moab Recreation Areas Alternative Transportation System (“NMRA System”) is a multi-agency project located in Grand County, Utah involving Grand County, the City of Moab, the Utah Department of Transportation, the Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Transit Administration, the National Park Service and several local organizations;

WHEREAS, the NMRA System is comprised of the paved Moab Canyon Pathway along State Highway 191 on the “Old Highway” alignment, the paved Colorado River Pathway along State Highway 128, the Arches National Park Transit Hub, the paved Lions Park Pathway from 5th West to Lions Park, the Lions Park Transit Hub, the Colorado Riverway Pedestrian Bridge, and related transportation facilities;

WHEREAS, as currently constructed, the NMRA System links or is planned to link hubs and gateways within Grand County pursuant to the North Moab Recreation Areas Alternative Transportation System Plan;

WHEREAS, public uses on the paved pathways within the NMRA System require careful management to ensure optimal mitigation of impacts on the pathway for a variety of users;

WHEREAS, current regulations restrict the use of electric assisted bicycles (“E-Bikes”) on the paved pathways in the NMRA System, specifically the paved Moab Canyon Pathway, the Colorado River Pathway, and the Lions Park Pathway (the “Paved NMRA Pathways”);

WHEREAS, E-Bikes are currently regulated as bicycles under Utah Statute §§ 41-6a-102(5) and 41-6a-1115.5;

WHEREAS, Utah Statute §§ 41-6a-8 and 41-6a-17(d)(i) defines a “Class 1 electric assisted bicycle” as a bicycle with an electric motor that has a power output of not more than 750 watts; has fully operable pedals on permanently affixed cranks; is fully operable as a bicycle without the use of the electric motor; and is equipped with a motor or electronics that provides assistance...
only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour (“Class 1 E-Bike”);  

WHEREAS, the Grand County Commission desires to facilitate the creation of affordable, safe, and reliable transportation and commuting options for Grand County residents and its visitors, while mitigating future effects of vehicle emissions on air quality within the Moab Valley;  

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:  

1. The Grand County Commission hereby permits Class 1 E-Bikes on the Paved NMRA Pathways within the unincorporated area of Grand County or on land owned by Grand County within the boundaries of the City of Moab, each as defined herein, which definitions are integrated into this Resolution by this reference.  

2. This Resolution applies to Class 1 E-Bikes only and does not permit Class 2 or Class 3 electric assisted bicycles, as defined by Utah Statute § 41-6a-102, on the Paved NMRA Pathways within the unincorporated area of Grand County or on land owned by Grand County within the boundaries of the City of Moab.  

3. This Resolution applies to the Paved NMRA Pathways only and does not permit, attempt to permit, or encourage the permission of any class of E-Bike on any recreational, single-track, or dirt-surfaced non-motorized trails within the unincorporated area of Grand County.  

This Resolution was duly and regularly introduced and passed by vote at a regular meeting of the Grand County Commission on June 1, 2021.  

GRAND COUNTY COMMISSION  

ATTEST:  

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Mary McGann, Chair  
Quinn Hall, Clerk/Auditor