

1 **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**
2 **Cache Valley Transit District**
3 **DBA Connect Transit**
4 **Wednesday, June 25, 2025**
5 **5:30 pm**
6 **Connect Administration**
7 **3021 North 300 West, North Logan, Utah**
8 **Connect Transit Boardroom**
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11 *Present:* Lieren Hansen, Flor Estrada, Glen Schmidt, Emily Fletcher, and Jeff Turley
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13 *Excused:* Mike Arnold, Ron Bushman, Shaun Bushman, and David Geary
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15 *Others:* Todd Beutler, Curtis Roberts, and Charise VanDyke
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17 **Regular Meeting Agenda**
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- 19 1. *Call to order:* Board Chair Lieren Hansen
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21 2. Pledge of Allegiance
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23 3. Consent Agenda: Lieren Hansen asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.
24 Glen Schmidt moved; Flor Estrada seconded. Vote unanimous. Isaac Gardner had a
25 conflict, so Todd Beutler will be doing his presentation.
26 A. Approval of Agenda
27 B. Acceptance of Minutes – May 28, 2025
28 C. Next Board Meeting – July Meeting cancelled
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30 4. Public comments: Brandon Bell, Countywide Planner, introduced himself. He’s been
31 in the job for just under one year. They’re starting a project that relates to the land use
32 corridor in the Nibley, Providence, Millville area. There’s an interest in putting a
33 transfer station in that area.
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35 **Board Business**

- 36 5. **Board Business:**
37 A. Presentation Update on Envision Cache Planning Process – where are we now? –
38 Isaac Gardner, CMPO: The CMPO does planning for the cities from Smithfield to
39 Hyrum; they look beyond this area, but this is the legal area that they plan for. In
40 2008, the Chamber of Commerce and some of the cities in the county hired a
41 consulting group to do a planning study for Cache Valley (called Envision Cache
42 Valley). The purpose was to develop a vision for growth with feedback and

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support from stakeholders and residents. They used population and land use data to show how Cache Valley could grow and asked the public about several things over a period of time. This presentation examines how we're doing currently in comparison to this study. The guiding principle that was chosen in the Envision Cache Valley study was "Keep the city, city. Keep the country, country." The intention of this was to keep most of the growth in and around municipal boundaries and to maintain the agricultural nature of the rest of the valley. The reality is that Cache Valley is growing, and we can't stop the growth from increasing, so are we keeping this guiding principle? Should we recalibrate? Or are we going down the right path? There were six Cache Valley Vision principles created by the study. The first was to enhance existing towns and cities and maintain community identity by encouraging inward growth and buffering community boundaries with agrarian and natural lands. For the last 16 years, most of the growth has been in the cities (county is anything outside of that aka unincorporated areas). The second principle was to encourage mixed-use neighborhoods and town centers with a variety of housing options to allow people to live close to where they shop, go to school, etc. There's been more mixed-use development (mostly in the cities) with the county focused on agriculture. The third principle was to provide a balanced transportation network (roadway, transit, pedestrian, etc.). There have been multiple improvements to transit, active transportation, and roads in the years since the study. The fourth principle was to invest in infrastructure to serve existing communities and future growth (water, sewer, etc.); as well as protect, preserve, and improve the environment. There's been a Logan wastewater treatment expansion, new Millville city sewer, individual city garbage collection, and Google Fiber to Logan and North Logan to name a few. At the time of the study Cache Valley was in non-attainment for air quality; we've since come back into attainment. The fifth and sixth principles were to maintain and improve access to recreation and expand local recreation systems (like trail amenities) for walking and biking. There's been a statewide bill to improve trails throughout the state. Positions have been hired that are dedicated to creating a master plan for trails and designing trails. There's also been a focus throughout Cache Valley on active transportation (pedestrians, bikes, etc.). There's also been significant investment (multiple large grants) in the Utah Trail Network so you can travel across the state without needing a car. Discussion about the Envision Cache Valley study. There's been a lot of good things that have been happening. This is the kind of information that can help the Board prioritize future transit projects.

6. Management Report:

- A. Update on routes 11 & 12 & 15 increased frequency – Jody Kimball, Operations Manager: Routes 11, 12, and 15 will have increased frequency with an implementation date of August 11. The routes will have 30-minute frequency and

85 have end times similar to the other city routes of 8:30 PM. We'll be hiring 5 new
86 drivers to cover the additional service.

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- 88 B. Update on transit demand study – Todd Beutler, CEO: There will be a stakeholder
89 meeting on July 7 to get input for the transit demand study (i.e., examining transit
90 demand outside of current district boundaries). Hopefully, the study results will
91 be completed in time for the September board meeting.

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- 93 C. Employee BBQ – June 26, 2025 – Todd Beutler, CEO: A reminder that the
94 Employee BBQ will be tomorrow; it will be the first BBQ at the new facility.

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96 7. **Board Chair Report:**

- 97 A. Recognition of employee anniversaries - Lieren Hansen, Board Chair: Employee
98 anniversaries include 11 years for Rick Rose and 6 years for Joshua Jackman.

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- 100 8. Public comments: No questions or comments.

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- 102 9. **Adjourn:** Board Chair Lieren Hansen adjourned the meeting.