CHAPTER 4- ENVISION CACHE VALLEY

ENVISION CACHE VALLEY PROCESS

With the help of the Envision Utah Organization, many residents of the Cache Valley (including Southern Idaho) participated in numerous “visioning” workshops held throughout the valley over the course of about one year. This process allowed citizens and community officials to explore various land use and transportation solutions as to how to accommodate the expected population growth. This effort resulted in the aggregation of themes into four alternative growth scenarios. Information about the relative trade-offs of these alternatives were provided and another round of public involvement workshops eventually culminated in the production of the “Cache Valley Vision” or recommended preferred alternative. The Vision describes a set of landuse recommendations as well as suggested transportation solutions. A copy of the Envision Cache Valley final report can be found in appendix 9.

ENVISION CACHE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Some of the recommendations of the Vision as it relates to transportation include (See Figure 8):

- Improved Roadway Connections -- Maximize connectivity providing multiple routes to destinations. Better connections for local roads.
- Enhanced Public Transportation Options-- Future Bus Rapid Transit, increased express bus service and peak-time bus loops as well as working to facilitate more peak-time vanpools.
- Additional Bike Commute Routes -- Make possible roadway Improvements and signage for suggested routes that link many of the communities.
- Mobility for Everyone -- Context sensitive design, construction and operation of streets to support all users including pedestrians, bicyclist and those riding public transportation.
- Infrastructure Efficiency -- Strive for a shorter road network that costs least to construct and maintain.
Figure 8: Envision Cache Valley Transportation Recommendation