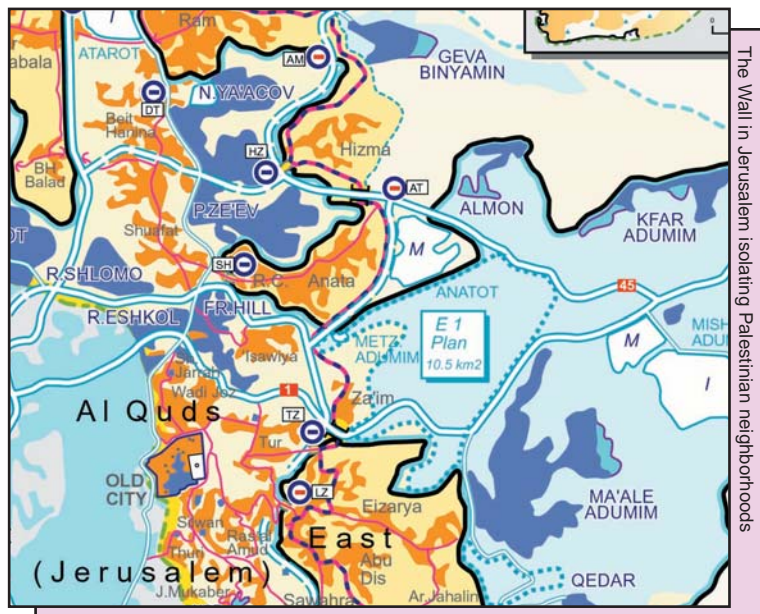


For years Connex have actively supported Israel with investments into various bus services. Connex states proudly that: "Controlling the art of movement in a spirit of public service is therefore our prime asset. Further, our company's personnel have a deep-seated sense of **civic responsibility and a commitment to local life**: these too are part of our strength."

The company describes how it "adapts its services to the needs of the community" and how they "strive to contribute to the enhancement of quality of life in places where we operate". Their rhetorical commitment to social justice is evident from their claim to "not focus only on the preservation of the environment and the protection of natural resources, but also assume our economic and **social responsibilities**, particularly at a local level, where we are committed to stimulating progress."

For Palestinians in Jerusalem "commitment" to the community is all too clear as Connex engages in a **project that sustains and support an illegal and brutal military Occupation**. The racism of a project that chooses to see illegal settlers as the "community", and shun the Palestinians currently being expelled from their capital is breathtaking. Connex and Alstom must be forced to withdraw their complicity and support for a racist, colonial project.



Taking Action Against *Connex* - Halt their involvement in Israel's crimes

Australia

- Operates the entire Melbourne suburban train network.
- Runs Sydney's light rail and monorail networks under contract from Metro Transport Sydney, and a large bus network (previously *Southtrans*) in the southern suburbs.
- Operates the Southern Coast Transit bus line in Perth.
- Connex Brisbane runs buses using the former National Bus Company's fleet.

Belgium

- Operates bus services in contact to the government owned *de Lijn*.

Canada

- Connex runs *YRT Viva* bus rapid transit network in York Region
- Connex owns *GVS* and operates transportation services in Montreal.

Colombia

- Connex, in conjunction with three other operators, run a 35-km right-of-way bus line called the *Transmilenio* system.

Czech Republic

- Largest bus operator, after a 2002 take-over of Slezsko regional network.
- Runs 12 urban transport networks, 3 travel agencies and an international train service between the Czech Republic and Germany.

Denmark

- Copenhagen buses and half of all *Combus* services.

Estonia

- The transport network in city of Tartu.

Finland

- Helsinki Metropolitan Area as *Connex Finland* (previously *Linjebuss*).
- Ferry transport at *Finnmark*.
- Buses in Tampere, Seinäjoki and Jalasjärvi and express routes between Tampere, Pori, Seinäjoki and Kauhajoki.

France

- Tramways, light rail and buses in Rouen, Saint-Etienne, Nancy & Bordeaux.
- Bus networks in over 40 cities including Nice and Toulon (including *Creabus*).
- Owns 60% of Freight-transport Company at De Gaulle airport.

Germany

- Connex operates eight regional rail networks including *NordWestBahn*, *NordOstseeBahn*, *Lausitzbahn*, *Bayerische Oberlandbahn* and *InterConnex*.
- Tramways and light rail networks in Gorlitz and Berlin.

Ireland

- Tramways and light railways in Dublin known under name of *Luas*.

Lebanon

- Operates a major bus line in Lebanon called *Connex Liban*.

Netherlands

- *BBA* buses in Noord-Brabant, Tholen and Utrecht.
- *Connex SBM* buses in Stadsbus Maastricht.
- *Limex* buses (formerly *Arriva*) in south Limburg.
- *BBA Fast Ferries Zeeland* (Westerschelde ferry).

New Caledonia

- Connex created and runs the suburban bus network of Noumea.

New Zealand

- Operates Auckland's MAXX commuter rail service.

Norway

- Operates buses, ferries and car rental as *Connex Tog AS*, *FFR AS*, *Connex Vest AS*, *Østerhus Buss AS* and *Connex Buss AS*.

Poland

- Bus-lines in Warsaw and Tczew.
- Regional bus operations around cities of Kedzierzyn-Kozle, Sedziszow, Brzozow, Lancut, Sanok, Mielec, Torun, Kolobrzeg, Prudnik and Gorlice.

Slovenia

- Runs regional and urban buses through the companies *Certus* and *I&I*.

Spain and Portugal

- Operates in a joint venture known as *FCC Connex Corporacion*.
- Connex also operates Barcelona tramway, and the transport network in Pampelune under the name of *Montanesa*.

Sweden

- The Stockholm metro & runs daily train operations from Gothenburg and Stockholm to upper Norrland and Narvik (Norway) and rail line Kinnekullebanan in the west.
- Ferry operations in Gothenburg archipelago, company called *Styrsöbolaget*.

Switzerland

- Runs urban buses in the city of Geneva, as well as charter traffic, through its subsidiary *Dupraz Bus Genève*.

United Kingdom

- Rail Authorities cut Connex's railway franchise at the end of 2003 due to "poor financial management".
- Now it operates *Bebb Travel*, small Welsh bus and coach operator that operates local bus routes with contracted coaches on behalf of *National Express*.

United States

- Connex subsidiary *MBCR* operates Boston commuter rail services under contract to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.
- In Los Angeles, Connex operates the *Metrolink*.
- Buses throughout New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, Washington DC, the Carolinas, Texas, California, and Colorado (including *Paratransit*)

Connex also own 50% of *Eurolines*, a major coach service in Europe.

Join the movement to stop Connex and Alstom destroying Jerusalem!

- Disseminate this information and the Call against Connex & Alstom in your local community and amongst commuters using their services.

- Write and telephone Connex and demand they pull out of the project immediately. Prepare locally led boycotts of the company and its services if Connex refuses to pull out of its support for the project (for telephone numbers and addresses see www.connex.net)

- Write and pressure your government and transport authorities urging them not to renew contracts awarded to Connex

- Write to newspapers, magazines and media outlets on the

issue ensuring they cover and publicise Connex and Alstom's illegal support for Israel's crimes

- Work towards boycotts against other companies complicit and supportive of Israeli Occupation and Apartheid. To find out more look at www.stophthewall.org/boycotts and www.thewallmustfall.org

- Inform info@thewallmustfall.org of your activities so coordinated and effective steps can be taken to ensure the project is stopped now!

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