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SUCCESS STORY

Building a Public Transit Natural Gas Fueling Solution in Record Time

For the past 21 years, Anaheim Transportation Network (ATN) has navigated evolving sustainability trends in public transit while keeping pace with rapid growth and expansion in Anaheim.

As one of the largest cities in California, Anaheim attracts over 27 million visitors each year with its vibrant theme parks, convention centers and sports venues. Dependable and efficient transportation has long been essential to the city's success.

In 1995, the city of Anaheim, in partnership with local community leaders, formed ATN to operate 22 public transit lines. Dubbed Anaheim Resort Transportation (ART), these transit lines connect visitors, residents and employees with popular destinations within The Anaheim Resort® area.

ATN's Founding Charter Was Very Clear: Transportation Fueling Must Be Clean

Starting with a fleet of 10 electric buses, ART tested propane-powered vehicles but continued to look for alternative fuels to expand its environmental opportunities.



“We knew we needed to explore other fuels to determine the best fit for ART operations and customer expectations,” said Diana Kotler, Executive Director, ART.

In 2012, ART launched into natural gas vehicles all at once. With the guidance of **Clean Energy’s** dedicated grant applications specialists, ART was awarded a grant for 21 CNG buses. At the same time, 35 LNG buses came aboard as part of ART’s partnership with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA).

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“Once ART experienced the reliability and ease of operations,” said Kotler, “it was clear that natural gas presented the best alternative. We needed to consolidate our fuels.”

Practically overnight, ART gained a fleet of 60 natural gas buses—and the real challenge presented itself: these buses needed reliable, local fueling infrastructure, immediately.

Fueling Station Solutions

ART considered different CNG and LNG fueling station options including the construction of their own station. Unsure of the best path, they tapped their partners at Clean Energy once again to develop the most cost-effective and efficient solution.

What emerged was the agreement for Clean Energy to expand its nearby publicly accessible CNG station to accommodate ART’s new fleet by enhancing the existing infrastructure in the heart of The Anaheim Resort district. Not only did ART save in capital investment costs and expedite their CNG deployment, but the solution opened up access to clean fuel for other local transportation providers. “The expansion of the CNG station was a true partnership and collaboration between numerous transportation providers, public and private, Clean Energy and ART,” said Kotler.

LNG fueling infrastructure needed to be approached from a different angle. ART decided to lease a station through Clean Energy and build the new facility on-site. The only sticking point was time—the new station would take a year to build. To address the immediate need, Clean Energy laid out a plan and guided ART through the creation of a temporary station, which was used until the permanent facility was up and running as scheduled.

Making the Impossible Possible

For ART, it’s difficult to quantify the contribution that Clean Energy has made to their operations. “Our natural gas buses wouldn’t be running if it weren’t for Clean Energy,” said Kotler. “We leaned heavily on Clean Energy and their expertise—and it paid off. We couldn’t have asked for an easier transition into natural gas.”