

Len Engel

Executive Director

Antelope Valley Transit Authority

AVTA's Executive Director, Len Engel, has been in the transit industry for a very long time. While he is reluctant to divulge the exact number of years he will admit that the first order of ten transit buses he accepted were \$250,000 – total. Len's background includes urban planning, business development, Internet application development and, of course, transit operations. He has been at the Antelope Valley Transit Authority since July of 2012, first as Director of Operations & Maintenance and February 2015 as Executive Director. Len says he is liked by most, but not liked much.

AVTA took delivery of the first two BYD battery electric buses purpose built for use by a US public transit agency in September, 2014. The buses have been in regular AVTA service since early 2015. AVTA is on an ambitious journey with a Board adopted goal that will result in a 100% battery electric bus fleet by the end of 2018. AVTA will operate 40 ft. local transit buses, 60 ft. articulated buses and 45 ft. commuter coaches supported by a system of 13 inductive chargers spread throughout the 1,200 square mile service area.