

Supervisors Attack MTA's Proposal to Build Monorail

See Much of Public Not Aided

County Supervisors blasted on Wednesday the Metropolitan Transit Authority's plan to build a nonstop monorail from downtown to International Airport.

The supervisors decided to go to Sacramento next Wednesday to work out strategy with the Los Angeles County legislative delegation in the rapid transit battle.

Accompanying them will be L. S. Hollinger, county chief administrative officer; County Counsel Harold W. Kennedy and his chief assistant, George W. Wakefield, and Francis M. McLaughlin, the county's legislative representative.

Fire in Turn

The supervisors took turns firing verbal torpedoes at the MTA proposal to authorize the Goodell Monorail Systems, Inc., to build a \$49 million monorail to carry passengers 17 miles to the airport in 12 minutes.

"If there ever was a time when we should put the finger on this Goodell deal, it's right now," warned Supervisor Frank G. Bonelli.

He and others called the proposal a "gravy train" which would give preferential service to full-trip travelers but would make no stops in between for shoppers and persons going to and from work.

Inquiry Requested

Meanwhile, Councilman Joe Hollingsworth called for a City Council investigation of MTA's plan to build the Goodell monorail line.

"This whole plan is nothing more than another attempt by MTA to confuse the people of Los Angeles with promises that they know full well will not be kept," he said.

Hollingsworth, displaying two photographs of the Goodell installation in Houston, asserted that "they don't have a monorail."

"From the pictures it appears like nothing more than 100 or so feet of pipe erected in the middle of a clump of Texas sagebrush," he said. "Where are their test cars, shops and other facilities, And why was this so-called 'test' section built in the middle of nowhere?"