

Monorail No Help to South Bay, Says Hahn

Supervisor Charges Route Would Ignore Transit Needs of People in Southwest

INGLEWOOD — Supervisor Kenneth Hahn called the proposed monorail from downtown Los Angeles to Los Angeles International Airport "merely a tube" that will ignore "the rapid transit needs of the people in the Southwest portion of Los Angeles."

Hahn blistered the Goodell System Monorail proposal after the MTA asked the supervisors to approve use of the public right-of-way along Century Blvd. for the monorail.

Opposes Use

He said he could not "in good conscience" as district supervisor "allow the use of county right-of-way for a system which would not serve all the people of the area."

The system would run along the Harbor Freeway to Century and west on Century to the airport, crossing parts of the county, the City of Los Angeles and Inglewood.

Hahn demanded five passenger stops be made in the 17-mile route.

These should be, he said:

1—Figueroa St. in the Exposition area to serve crowds at the Sports Arena, Coliseum, USC and museums.

2—Figueroa and Manchester to serve the Florence-Firestone area.

3—Century and Western to serve the Sportsman's Park area.

4—Century and Figueroa to serve commuters in south Los Angeles.

5—Century and Prairie

near Hollywood Park to serve Inglewood, Hawthorne and Lennox.

Hahn said the non-stop monorail would be an "insult" to people in the area, forcing them to merely "watch it go by" unless they went downtown to board it.

Hahn supports monorail as a means of rapid transit but charged the Goodell system would not serve the general public.