Assembly Group Plans Rapid Transit Hearing

Carrell Says Committee Will Look Into Stalemated Proposals by Rival Systems

The Assembly Interim Committee on Transportation and Commerce will launch an inquiry into the mass rapid transit situation here Oct. 29.

Assemblyman Tom Carrell (D-San Fernando), committee chairman, announced the hearing at the group's organizational meeting Friday in Newport Beach.

He said the sessions, tentatively scheduled for four days, probably will begin in the State Building here but may be shifted to other nearby cities as testimony develops.

Cites Request

The committee's decision to look into the stalemated rapid transit picture, he explained, was motivated by a request from the Board of Supervisors earlier this week.

The supervisors said they and other related matters.

felt differences between the Metropolitan Transit Authority and private monorall firms that have offered to finance and build systems should be aired before Carrell's group.

"The committee will hear all the proposals which have been advanced by both public and private agencies leading to a possible need for legislation," Carrell said.

Broad in Scope

He explained that the committee's inquiry will be broad in scope and will deal with the feasibility of routes, facilities and financing.

The committee, he said, also plans to conduct interim hearings on motor vehicle pollution control devices, a California Highway Commission study, driver licensing, traffic offenses, administration of traffic court justice and other related matters.