

Murdy Urges Monorail Line Over Tracks

SANTA ANA—A monorail transit system using railroad right of way can end metropolitan traffic congestion, State Sen. John A. Murdy has asserted.

Use of existing railroad right of way for an overhead monorail system would eliminate the costly acquisition of new rights of way for monorail routes, the legislator said as he called for action in preventing traffic strangulation in the Southland.

"Something has got to be done soon or Southern California may be strangled by a huge smog-smothered bumper-to-bumper traffic jam."

Reach Agreement

In proposing the monorail, Sen. Murdy said an agreement could be worked out so that railroad freight lines would remain as they are but that other right of way would be set aside for the overhead system.

He called on those with authority to act to provide the metropolitan area with a mass rapid transit system "before it is too late."

He noted that a businessman or public official living in Orange County or suburban areas of Los Angeles may have to spend more time driving to the airport than he spends in the air on a trip to Sacramento.