

# Anaheim Council Slates Monorail Issue Hearing

## Private Firm Says Federal Government Will Pay Two-Thirds of \$21 Million Cost

ANAHEIM—City Council Tuesday scheduled a hearing 7 p.m. Jan. 14 to get public reaction to a proposal to build a high-speed monorail system between Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm.

Duorail Aerospace Rapid Transit Corp. (DART) has asked the council to sponsor a federal grant to construct the 6-mi.-long project. No route has been selected.

The council was told two-thirds of the estimated \$21 million cost is proposed to be borne by the federal government and the remaining one-third by the company.

### Chiefly in Anaheim

Jere Strizek, DART president, said Buena Park, Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm have not been contacted but would be in the near future.

He said Anaheim was approached first because 98% of the rapid transit project would be within the Anaheim city limits.

A spokesman for Disneyland told the council the amusement park was not opposed, but questioned whether the proper location has been selected.

Keith Murdoch, Anaheim city manager, said several questions require answering. Among them, he said, are financial arrangements, obtaining of rights-of-way, the amount of federal control and whether the project is

a proper place to spend federal funds.

Strizek said the federal government would receive all of the engineering and technical data from the pilot project to use in other parts of the nation in developing similar systems.

DART has not developed a rapid transit system, according to Murdoch.

Fred Hodge, manager of the western division of the Central Engineering Laboratories of Food Machinery Corp., said his company stands ready to engineer and design the project. The basic design has been prepared, according to Strizek.

The DART president quoted the Congressional Record. The passage said DART should be given consideration in the problems involved in mass transportation.

### 90 m.p.h. Speeds

Strizek said the Housing and Home Finance Agency is responsible through act of Congress for the administration of demonstration grants and mass transportation facilities loans.

He said the number of passengers who would use the monorail between Disneyland and Knott's would run into millions. "It is our intent and purpose to ask the federal government on behalf of Anaheim and the people of the U.S. to give us a grant for the program," he said.