

Monorail on Flood Drain Rim Debated

District Engineer Rules Out Freeway on Channel Floor

Freeways above or beside flood control channels? No. Monorails? Maybe.

This is a summary of a report by Mr. E. Salsbury County Flood Control District chief engineer, to the Board of Supervisors on the question of using channels and their adjacent rights of way.

Salsbury said the district makes rights of way available "for public purposes" whenever such usage is not incompatible with the primary function of flood control.

Use Limited

But, he said, the State Division of Highways has found the use of channels and their rights of way for freeways is impractical because of the major modifications required and the limited use resulting from flood control operations.

As for monorail, Salsbury hedged:

"Only preliminary presentations have been made to indicate that the district's rights of way may offer a potential use for monorail routes and this district would be pleased to assist in any future studies in this matter."

Salsbury pointed out that most channels along proposed rapid transit routes were constructed by the U.S. Corps of Engineers with federal funds and federal approval would be required for their use.