

Anaheim Council Endorses Monorail

ANAHEIM — The City Council formally endorsed a private plan Tuesday to build a high-speed monorail system linking entertainment centers here and in adjacent Buena Park.

Councilmen set a public hearing for Oct. 3 at 1:30 p.m. to consider granting the 40-year franchise to Anaheim Rapid Transit Systems Inc. (ARTS).

ARTS has indicated it will take two years of engineering and feasibility studies after the franchise is granted before the routing and makeup of the system can be established.

ARTS attorney Martin M. Ostrow of Los Angeles has told the council the plan generally is to loop the multimillion-dollar system around Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, Anaheim Stadium, Anaheim Convention Center, downtown Anaheim and key shopping areas.

Ostrow says the system could form the hub of an expanded network that could serve a large part of Southern California.

City Atty. Joseph Geisler said his office, Ostrow and Buena Park officials have worked for a year drafting an ordinance for the system.

The endorsement, a resolution of

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intent, stressed that ARTS should use elevated facilities, if possible, across highways in Anaheim.

Ostrow has said the only city involvement would be to assist in acquiring rights-of-way, at no cost to taxpayers.

Stimulate Economy

He contends the system would stimulate spending in the city's commercial-recreation complex and eliminate traffic hazards.

George Bahner Buena Park City Manager, says he believes the monorail plan will be well received by his City Council.

Bahner said Anaheim must follow the procedures for a charter city, stating its intent to grant the franchise and then holding a public hearing. Buena Park, a general law city, could approve the plan by resolution.

Ostrow earlier predicted the system could be put into operation by Dec. 31, 1973.