

Love Field Designated Site of Super Airport; Street Closings Slated

Love Field was definitely adopted as Dallas' superairport site by the City Council Monday and an expansion program was approved that will mean the purchase of several hundred more houses in the vicinity of the airport and closing of several important streets.

Runways will be extended to 6,000 feet, instead of the 5,200-foot maximum the Army notified the city Monday it must have. At the end of each runway a 1,000-foot ground level clearance will be provided.

Plans will be made for the immediate purchase of several hundred houses in an area extending one block deep into Bluff View to the east and on the south to Mabel Avenue. Acting Public Works Director Tim Conroy was unable to state just how many houses would be bought, but said it would number several hundred.

Street Closings Planned.

Grove Street, to which the city recently bought land for extending a runway paralleling Lemmon Avenue, will be closed. Mabel will be the first cross street between Lemmon and Denton south of the airport, unless another street is cut through.

Lemmon Avenue will be closed from Midway to Bachman's Lake and Lovers Lane from Lemmon to a block east of Midway to Crest Haven. A large number of homes in an addition on the north side of Lovers Lane, between Lemmon and Midway, and in another addition on the south side of Lovers Lane, between Crest Haven and Midway, will be acquired.

The city's present plans are to buy the houses in the clearance space, rent them until the Army calls for their removal. City officials are considering the possibility that at any time the Army will call for 7,000-foot runways.

Pecan Trees Doomed.

The runway paralleling Lemmon will go to as close to Bachman's

Lake as possible. Groves of pecan and other trees along Bachman's Creek, east of Lemmon, will be cut down. Power and telephone lines near the field will be removed as soon as details can be worked out with the utilities.

Conroy told the council that Army engineers handed him the maps at noon Monday showing definitely what they wanted, and calling for 5,200-foot runways, with 1,000-foot clearance at each end. Previously, the city had been told that the Army might want runways this length immediately.

"Since the Army is saying it may need 6,000 or 7,000-foot runways, let's take the cherry in one bite and provide for at least 6,000-foot runway," Mayor Woodall Rodgers told the council.

7 Councilmen Vote Yes.

The seven Councilmen present, not including the Mayor, voted yes on a poll the Mayor took on whether they favored making Love Field a superairport now, and whether the expansion pattern should be set for 6,000-foot runways, with 1,000-foot clearances at the ends.

The council authorized Acting City Manager V. R. Smitham to submit plans for the longer runways, with the clearance at the ends. The additional land, covering an unestimated acreage, will be bought as rapidly as possible.

The entire tract bounded by Lemmon, Midway and Lovers Lane will be purchased. There are few houses on this particular tract.

Conroy reported the utility companies stated it looks impossible for them to remove wires near the field, as required by the Army. He commented that impossible means it will take a little longer.

WPB Cable Problem.

"The utilities say they haven't the cable to put wires underground, and don't know if the War Production Board will furnish it," said Conroy.

Acting Utilities Supervisor J. W. Monk suggested that poles be cut in height to the level of near-by houses, where houses are not to be removed. Conroy stated that the Lockheed Modification Center authorities had told him they couldn't possibly lower the height of a power line serving their plant, although the Army has given notice to remove or reduce the heights of the line. Lockheed officials will carry the matter to Washington, Conroy stated.

ts Cleanliness Japs' Bathing

read excerpts from the article on the House floor, quoting:

"Believe it or not, some few tenants and seasonal workers (in Ohio