New Airport Is Next On Master Plan

Development of a 2,000-acre airport southeast of Dallas as the next phase of the master aviation program was proposed Saturday by Mayor Woodall Rodgers as Civil Air Patrol leaders agreed to seek federal aid for the project.

Major D. Harold Byrd, Texas wing commander for the CAP, said Dallas can become regional operating headquarters for the organization if adequate airport facilities can be provided.

His group has a twenty-year lease on 225 acres near the intersection of Buckner Boulevard and Scyene Road in the vicinity of Pleasant Grove and has proposed to use private capital to improve it if approval could be obtained from the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

Near Lake June Port.

The CAP lease, however, is within five miles of the proposed Lake June airport site included in the master plan as a major or super-airport.

Because of this, Mayor Rodgers suggested that the city would be willing to join hands with the CAP, acquire at least 2,000 acres now in the vicinity of the Lake June proposal and help develop a big port.

This proposed port would be used for CAP activities during the war but would remain the property of the city and would be available for other use later. Mayor Rodgers said the full 5,300 acres proposed in the master plan for a Lake June site could be obtained by the city now and only 2,000 acres made available for development.

To Hold Federal Conference.

Major Byrd and Acting City Manager V. R. Smitham will confer with federal officials Monday to see what can be done about getting federal assistance for improvements such as runways, lighting and other facilities needed for an airport of this kind.

"We are willing to buy a field if you will arrange for the runways and other improvements," Mayor Rodgers told Major Byrd. "And we can begin acquiring property as soon as we have funds available from the Dec. 28 bond election which we believe will be favorable."