

Mayor Edgar Deen and ~~Cit. Manager W. O. Jones~~ announced today that in the development of the overall program to provide Fort Worth and its ~~surrounding~~ territory with modern and adequate Airport facilities, the site formerly sometimes referred to as the Midway Airport will be occupied by the City in the immediate future as a major Fort Worth Transcontinental and International Passenger Airport Terminal.

A deciding factor in the decision of the City Council is that the City of Arlington will transfer the Midway Airport to the City of Fort Worth and Midway Airport Corporation, which is jointly owned by American Airlines, Braniff Airways, and Delta Airlines, will turn over the property it owns surrounding the Airport and ~~provide additional acreage necessary to make this Air Terminal adequate for present and contemplated future needs.~~ A tentative agreement has been made with a terminal corporation to build a modern terminal building for the accomodation of passengers, concessions and ^{auxiliary} activities at no capital cost to the City. The airlines will lease sites and construct such office, hangar and shop facilities as they may require and the only expenditures required of the City will be for improvement and development of the landing field proper and its navigation aids and facilities.

Tentative agreements have been made with all the major airlines which serve the City, for payment of ^{landing} activity fees, concession rentals and other revenues will be used to amortize the City's investment over a reasonable period and it is expected that allocations will be made by the Civil Aeronautics Administration which, added to funds available to the City from previous Airport Bond Issues, will complete the first phase of the development and at this time, there will be no additional cost to the taxpayers.

The City Manager ^{June} says that in view of the favorable developments which permit the acquisition and ^{use} activation ^{old} of the Midway site, the improvement of the Hemphill site will be deferred. ^{temporary}

City officials have been in conference during the week with top Civil Aeronautics Administration officials ^{from Fort Worth} who are in the City for a meeting with State Aeronautics officials from over the Nation and regional representatives of the Civil Aeronautics Administration. The Civil Aeronautics Administration is enthusiastic in its approval for the development of ^{the Fort Worth} an International Airport strategically located as this one is for serving the requirements of International, Transcontinental and Area travel. It is believed that the convenience of air travel to and from Fort Worth will be best served by this Plan.

The City of Arlington sees in this arrangement a greater Airport facility for its area than could be otherwise hoped for. They believe the increased activity which will result from this construction plan will be most helpful.