$15 Million Lakefront Runway Nearer Reality

FAA Supports Matching Funds, Says Dupuy

While the lakefront airport can now handle medium-sized jets, completion of the new runway will give it a capability for larger jets as well as a firm base for supersonic craft.

The east-west runway will form a “T” with the comparatively new north-south runway. Dupuy said that when the new runway is added, it will give added length to the north-south runway, making that runway suitable for larger jets.

Then, with certain modifications the north-south runway can be made suitable for supersonic craft, he said.

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ed to record some 210,000 air operations (takeoffs and landings) for all of 1965. Dupuy said the operation will show a $50,000 net profit.

Dupuy asserted that the lakefront airport is the only aviation facility in this area with unlimited growth potential (into the lake) where both noise limitation and safety factors are superior to any other site.

Both Dupuy and Gen. Glynne M. Jones, U.S. Air Force (ret.), the airport aviation director, predicted a “glowing jet age future for the airport.

‘POTENTIAL UNLIMITED”

“I repeat—our growth potential is unlimited—without encroachment upon private lands, without annoyance to the general public.

“When an airport is unable to develop and grow and keep pace will lose its status as a major with the ever-expanding aviation airport. This cannot happen to us. We are the only airport in this area which can do this.”

The planned $15 million east-west runway at New Orleans Lakefront Airport moved closer toward reality Wednesday.

Orleans Levee Board President Milton E. Dupuy announced that the Federal Aviation Agency budget for Louisiana includes recommendations for federal matching funds for the proposed facility.

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Dupuy made the announcement following conversations with “authoritative Washington, D.C. sources.” He did not name the individuals.

BUDGET BASED ON NEEDS

According to Dupuy, the FAA budget for Louisiana is based on aviation’s needs over the coming five-year period. The recommendation concerning the new lakefront runway includes matching funds for the entire project—including a flood-protective seawall, fill, runways, lighting and drainage.

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Proposed East-West Runway at Lakefront Airport

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DIAGRAM SHOWS how the proposed East-West runway at the New Orleans Lakefront Airport would be constructed. The broken lines at upper left indicate the new runway extension of the present north-south runway.

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