PASSENGER STATION DESIRED BY COUNCIL

Majority Wants Railroads to Make Definite Promise.

FREIGHT PLANS DISCUSSED

Commissioners, City Officials and Engineer of Public Docks to Inspect Territory Involved.

Definite assurance that Portland will get a new union passenger terminal station is sought by the majority of the members of the city council, who yesterday intimated that they would refuse to approve the plans drawn by the railroads for the development of the Guild's lake freight terminal and vacate streets sought in this connection unless such promise is this connection unless such promise in

forthcoming.

The new passenger terminal station in this city was the main subject of discussion at the informal confer-ence held by members of the city council, as they viewed the maps in connection with the freight termina

New Station Held Important.

"What the people and the city council are interested in," declared City Commissioner Barbur, "Is a new passenger depot. It is the passenger facilities that impress the visitor and I believe that the railroads should include

include a new passenger station in these plans."

Commissioner Pier announced that he did not want to "buck" the plans of the railroads in increasing the freight moving facilities, but he, too, declared for a new passenger terminal and held that the railroads should and held that the railroads should give the city council some assurance on this subject.

While Commissioners Barbur and While Commissioners Barbur and Pier expressed desire to hear something definitely on the passenger terminal situation, Commissioner Mann went them one better. He contended that the council should demand written promises for a new passenger terminal.

East Side Promises Recalled. "Let's tie them up before we grant any concessions," said Commissioner Mann. "Their promises are like pie crusts. Look at the promises given to the east side and never delivered

after the railroads gained what they sought in way of concessions."

Mayor Baker explained that he had gained the impression that from a commercial standpoint the development of additional freight terminal facilities was the most important thing that Fortland could gain from the railroads. He said that he was the railroads. He said that he was anxious to make a complete study of the proposal before making any demands.

City Commissioner Bigelow said be favored the inclusion of a passenger terminal in the proposed plans, but did not believe that the city should demand the construction of such a station, this year, or the next,

Traffic Relief Suggested. "However, the plans should be given to us and this body should know that when the proper time comes Portland will be given a passenger station on a par with stations to be found in other cities of the size and importance of Portland."

An overhead crossing from the Broadway bridge to Ninth street, as a means of relieving traffic on

a means of relieving traffic on Broadway, was a plan suggested by Commissioner Mann to be accomdished in connection with the freight

Widening of Front street was advocated by Commissioner Barbur, who held that the street would have to be widened some day and that it would be cheaper to accomplish it now than 25 years later.

Upon the suggestion of Commis-oner Bigelow, the city council, City sioner Bigelow, the city council, City Engineer Laurgaard, City Attorney Grant, Chief Water Engineer Rand-lett and G. B. Hegardt, chief engineer of the dock commission, will person-ally inspect the territory affected by

the terminal plans.

Members of the dock and port commissions, railroad officials and members of their legal and engineering partments and newspaper men wil

company the council.

This trip will enable city officials
familiarize themselves with the
lans of the railroads, after which the plans will be referred to the en gineers for study. As quickly as thi gineers for study. As quickly as this study has been complete, the council will conduct a public meeting, after which the matter of vacating the streets required by the railroads will be submitted to the voters, to be passed upon on June 7.



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