

NEWARK TO MAKE PARKING SURVEYS

It Seeks to Match a Building
Boom in Downtown Areas
With Off-Street Facilities

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NEWARK, Jan. 5—This city is seeking to match a building boom in its downtown area with a comprehensive off-street parking program.

The Newark Parking Authority has taken the following steps:

¶Signed a contract with consulting engineers to revise and expand previous studies of downtown parking needs and to survey three locations, including Military Park, as prospective parking garage sites.

¶Engaged architects to draft the most practical plan for a contemplated underground garage at Military Park.

¶Hired a negotiator to begin acquisition of property for the development of a municipal parking lot at Commerce and Lawrence Streets.

The Ramp Buildings Corporation of New York, which carried out a parking survey in 1953, has been assigned to make a similar study. Pasqual Guerrieri, Authority chairman, said the new survey would take into consideration new construction in downtown Newark and the section east of Broad Street, an area not covered in the original survey.

The potential parking garage locations to be surveyed by the New York concern will be the block bounded by Washington, Market and Plane Streets and Branford Place, and the former

site of the Young Men's Christian Association on Halsey Street, near Cedar Street. This is now a parking lot.

Ramp Buildings will receive a maximum fee of \$7,000 for the survey. It will be paid from city funds appropriated to the authority. The maximum fee for the Military Park project is \$18,000. Both agreements set a completion deadline for the surveys of not more than six months.

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