

Court Clears Underground Park Garage

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The way was cleared yesterday for the construction of underground garages in Grant park when the Illinois Supreme court upheld the validity of the state law permitting the park district to issue revenue bonds to finance them.

The park district is planning to build two underground garages between Michigan av. and the Illinois Central railroad right of way at a cost of 13½ million dollars. They will have a storage capacity of 4,000 autos.

One garage will be located between Randolph and Monroe sts. and the other is planned for the area between Jackson blvd. and Harrison st. The park board has approved plans for the Randolph-Monroe sts. garage at a cost of \$½ million dollars. It will have a capacity of 2,567 cars.

Seeks to Halt Bond Issue

When the park board approved this garage an injunction suit against issuance of the bonds was filed by the Michigan Boulevard Building company, 30 N. Michigan av., thru its attorney Robert S. Cushman. The late Judge Benjamin P. Epstein of the Circuit court upheld the right of the park district to proceed with the construction and issuance of bonds.

In the appeal to the Supreme court the park district was represented by Joseph B. Fleming of the firm of Kirkland, Fleming, Green, Martin and Ellis.

The park board will meet Tuesday, and it is believed that action will be taken to sell the bonds and begin construction. Ralph H. Burke, Inc., engineering consultants, estimated that if work is started before next August the first garage can be completed by early 1954.

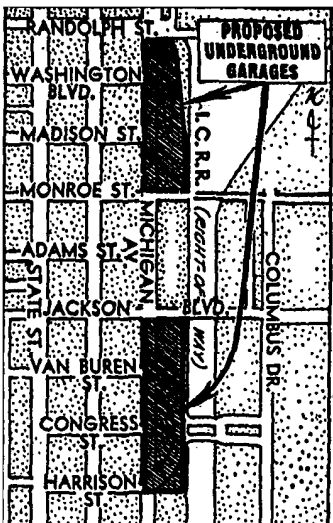
Plan Two Floor Level

Plans for this garage call for two descending ramps from Michigan av., between Washington and Randolph sts. and between Monroe and Madison sts. Two ascending ramps will be located near these. The garage will have a two floor level.

The park board has not decided whether the garage will be operated by the park or by private individuals. The cost of the garage will be approximately \$3,300 per car space. The interest on the bonds and amortization will have to be paid from revenues received from storage rentals.

OK'd by Court

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Sites for proposed underground parking garages in Grant park. Law to permit financing them was upheld yesterday by state Supreme court.