



Oakland Municipal Airport is the focal point of transcontinental and coastal airways. At the upper right of the illustration is the 135-acre industrial tract bounded by rail and deep water.

### ARTERIAL OPENINGS

The matter of traffic relief naturally brings one to the opening of arterials.

To begin with, the city can be grateful to the Federal Government that the new post office building is to be constructed away from the business heart of the city. This will result, as before stated, in the demolition of the present Federal Building at Seventeenth and Broadway and the consequent widening of Seventeenth Street between Broadway and Franklin, long a growing necessity.

### General Needs

It is likewise vital that that section of the downtown district lying between Franklin and Lake Merritt should be made more available to east and west traffic. Fifteenth and Seventeenth Streets should be cut through to Oak at the earliest opportunity. This would open up the district to traffic and would result in the increase of property values. Without such openings there will continue to be an ever increasing fire menace to those structures lying on Alice, Jackson and Madison Streets, between Fourteenth and Nineteenth Streets.

Other openings and widenings that should be effected before business growth and construction make the cost exorbitant are as follows:

Webster Street up to Twentieth is 80 feet wide—thence to Broadway it has a width of only 66 feet. For the relief of congestion on Broadway the latter section should be widened to the full 80-foot width.

Richmond Boulevard north and south from Moss Avenue should be opened as a main north and south arterial. Such opening would not only relieve traffic congestion on Piedmont Avenue and Broadway, but would open up sections now closed to home building and to business.

Perry Street, as a relief highway for the immense east and west traffic that flows over Excelsior Boulevard and Moss Avenue, should be opened westerly of Oakland Avenue to connect with Richmond Boulevard at Moss Avenue.

I am happy to be able to report to our public that this Council has finally and definitely taken action on the opening of Twenty-second Street westerly from Broad-