

PLANS OVERHEAD LINE TO HARBOR.

*E. G. Lewis Would Build Fast
System from City.*

*Eight-Minute Runs to Port,
Five-Cent Fares Seen.*

*Palos Verdes Ranch Terminal
is Part of Scheme.*

An overhead monorail system that will carry passengers from downtown Los Angeles to all points in the Los Angeles Harbor district in eight minutes, is one of the possibilities of the city's near future development, according to E. G. Lewis of Atascadero, who holds the option to buy Frank A. Vanderlip's mammoth Palos Verdes ranch just west of the harbor.

The proposed monorail system, patterned after the system that has been operating so successfully in Germany, is to be one of the features of the development of the 16,000-acre Palos Verdes ranch. It was learned yesterday through a letter from Mr. Lewis to a prominent Los Angeles Harbor citizen. The project will cost \$1,000,000.

Mr. Lewis's plan, his letter said, will provide for direct service from a point in the business section of Los Angeles to a terminal on the ranch, where provisions have been made to offer a site for the establishment of a branch of the University of California, a \$1,000,000 hotel and other vast projects. A branch of the monorail line will run from the Palos Verdes terminal to the heart of the harbor section, his letter states.

"We are contemplating the construction of an overhead monorail fast line direct from downtown Los Angeles to the Palos Verdes estate, with a branch to Los Angeles Harbor," the letter says. "This will give about a six to eight-minute service to the harbor and Palos Verdes, as there would be no grade crossings, the German overhead monorail system being employed.

"It will be an express service with practically no stops between downtown Los Angeles and Palos Verdes, and being an overhead suspended car with no grade crossings whatsoever, could make tremendous time, and we probably would be able to make a 5-cent fare.

"If this is undertaken," the letter continues, "it would figure in the cost of construction of the Palos Verdes improvements and added against the foot frontage. The cost is about \$3,000,000. It would give a quicker service to Palos Verdes than any other residential section of Los Angeles, and you can appreciate what that will mean."

Mr. Lewis, according to his letter, is rapidly organizing the various staffs of technical men necessary to carry out the gigantic development plans.

ENGINEERING STAFF.

"The engineering staff has now been completely organized. The architectural and landscape staff will be composed of men of the highest standing in their professions, as will all of the other staffs."

The engineering staff, as referred to in Mr. Lewis's letter, is as follows: Prof. Charles Gilman Hyde, Francis L. Sellev and Floyd G. Dessary, engineering commission for the sewer system.

Louis C. Hill, Fred C. Hermann and George G. Anderson for the water system.

Charles B. Wing, Franklin D. Howell, and Frank H. Joyner, for the road and boulevards system.

Prof. H. T. Cory has been appointed chairman and Col. John C. Lowe chief clerk of the engineering commission.