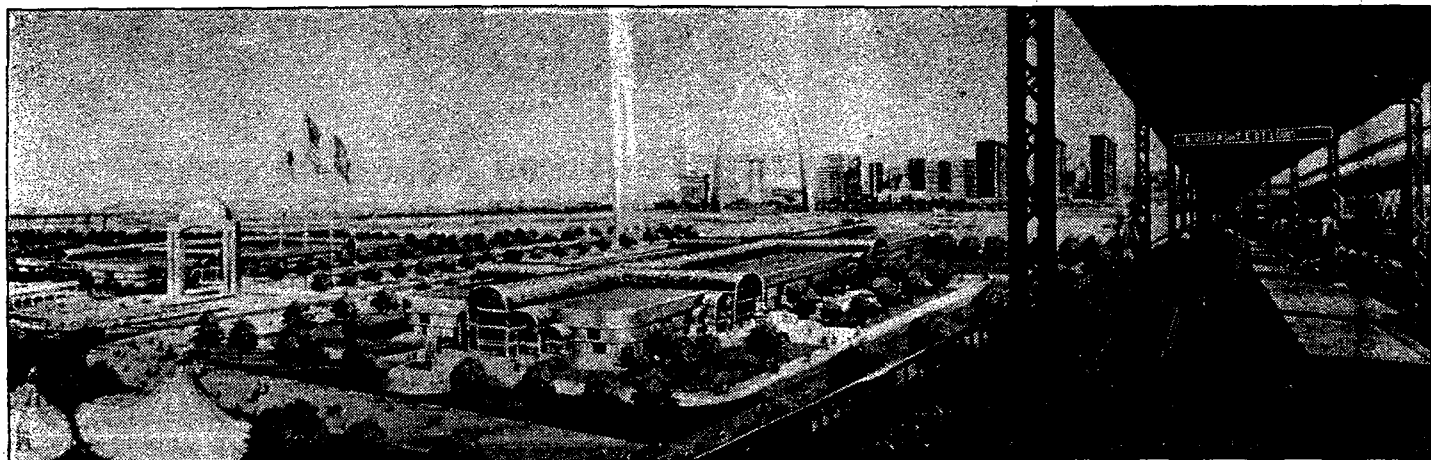




1971: James E. Williams Sr., third from left, East St. Louis' first black mayor, holds an informal meeting with city commissioners (from left) Gordon D. Bush, Edward Horrigan, Robert Mays, and Elmo J. Bush.



1984: Various plans through the years depicted a picturesque if not grandiose East St. Louis riverfront. This drawing envisions the city's station for the proposed St. Louis area light-rail system.



1988: Illinois State Police have helped patrol East St. Louis at night; the city doesn't have money to provide an adequate force.

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