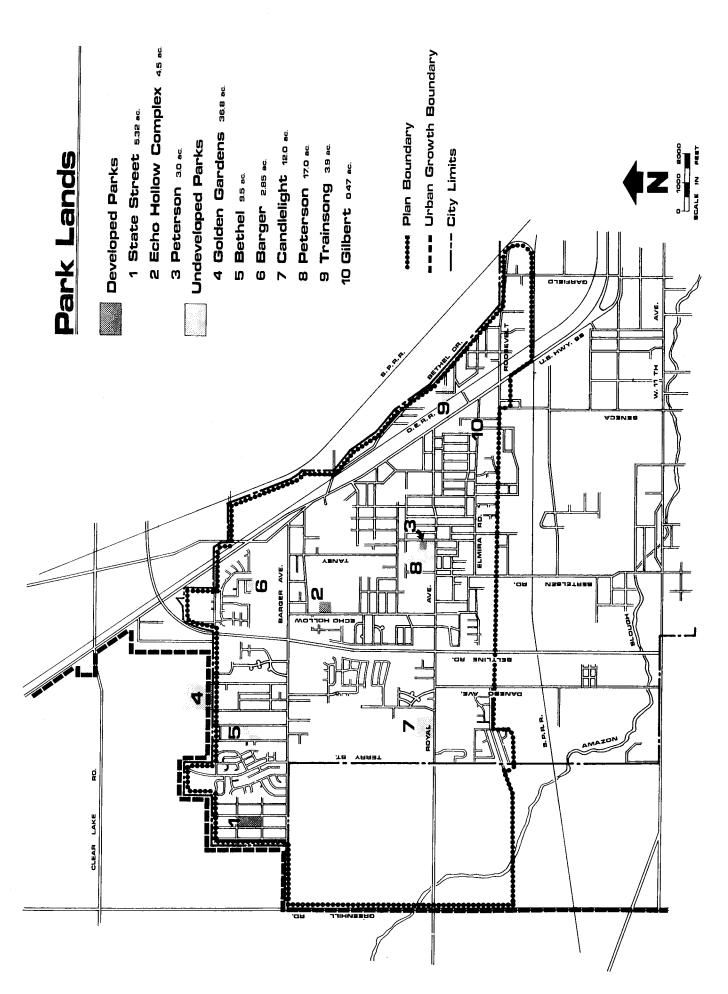
Bethel Danebo Area Refinement Plan



D. <u>Schools</u>

All of the study area is served by School District #52, referred to as Bethel School District. The location of schools in the area and most of the student population served by these schools is located within the study area and inside the city limits. In addition, the district serves students from the Alvadore area and from scattered rural locations between Alvadore and the study area, as well as students from the Santa Clara area north of Eugene attending Irving Elementary.

Opportunities for improving the relationship between where students live and school location are inhibited to some degree by transportation corridors which act as barriers between students' homes and school sites. Beltline Road is a good example of such a barrier, as is Highway 99 North. In general, schools have been located so that students need not cross Beltline Road, as can be seen by the attached map. Highway 99 North must be crossed by students from the Bethel Triangle Neighborhood since inadequate enrollment forced the closure in 1966 of the former Bethel Elementary School located on Bethel Drive. The elementary students from the Bethel Triangle Neighborhood are currently bussed to Malabon School. Irving School is also a facility within School District #52, but is located outside of study area. Its location one mile north of Beltline Road and east of the Southern Pacific Railroad primarily serves elementary students in the Santa Clara area.

Population projections for the Bethel-Danebo area range from 2,900 to 5,000 additional school-age children by the year 2000, depending on whether the recent decline in the population of school-age children continues. Most recent studies have shown a decline in elementary school-age children from 1.5 per household in 1970 to 0.75 per household in 1980. However, these projections do not account for development in Alvadore or in the Irving Elementary area. The present position of School District #52 is not to propose new school sites, but to adapt existing sites and facilities for future growth within the urban growth boundary/study area. Students generated west of Beltline Road and within the urban growth boundary will attend facilities located at the Danebo Elementary site.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Schools

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- 1. Decisions regarding new school locations and existing or new attendance area boundaries shall continue to be made with considerations for reducing the need to bus elementary students.
- 2. Where existing arterials, such as Beltline Road and Highway 99 North, act as barriers, alternative means of crossing these barriers shall be considered, including overpasses or pedestrian activated signals.

Proposal

1. As residential growth occurs within the area west of Beltline Road and south of Barger Avenue, unused or potential capacity in Danebo Elementary School and Clear Lake Elementary School should be used to serve that growth and areas east of Beltline Road should continue to be served by Malabon Elementary and Fairfield Elementary schools.