

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

BACKGROUND

One middle, one high and four elementary schools are located in Pacific Beach (see **Figure 17**). In addition, Bird Rock Elementary School, located just northwest of the community boundary with La Jolla, serves residents in the northwestern area of the community.

The current library facility in Pacific Beach is located adjacent to the Pacific Beach Middle School. The site is limited at 8,750 square feet and there is no on-site parking. The library is in need of expansion, and a new, much larger library has been approved on what was previously the Farnum Elementary School site.

Police protection is provided by the Northern Area Division of the Police Department; there is a Community Relations Storefront Office in Pacific Beach.

One fire station serves the Mission Beach and Pacific Beach communities, located at Mission Boulevard and Grand Avenue.

The community contains one hospital, located on Bunker Hill Street, and one post office, located on Cass Street. The post office, which is relatively new, is small and has inadequate parking.

Pacific Beach receives its water supply from the City's transmission line, which distributes to the community from a pipe that runs underneath Grand Avenue. All sewage in Pacific Beach is pumped to the Point Loma Sewage Treatment Plant for processing.

GOALS

- Maintain and expand as necessary the community's educational facilities, such as Mission Bay High, Pacific Beach Middle, and elementary schools to ensure that the facilities are available for needed programs and to meet projected student enrollment.
- Enhance the opportunity for library usage in the community by completing of the new Taylor Library on the Farnum Elementary School site.
- Improve the community's scenic views and vistas of the beach and bay through a program of undergrounding utilities and maintaining streetscapes that frame, rather than obstruct, views.
- SDG&E has a continuing program of undergrounding utilities. In view of its importance as a visitor destination, the City shall urge SDG&E to assign priority status to those areas identified in **Figure 18**.
- Ensure that the development of new public facilities do not block identified public views.

- Promote the safety of Pacific Beach's residents by supplementing, as necessary, police and fire protection; ensure that the Police Department's community relations store front is retained.

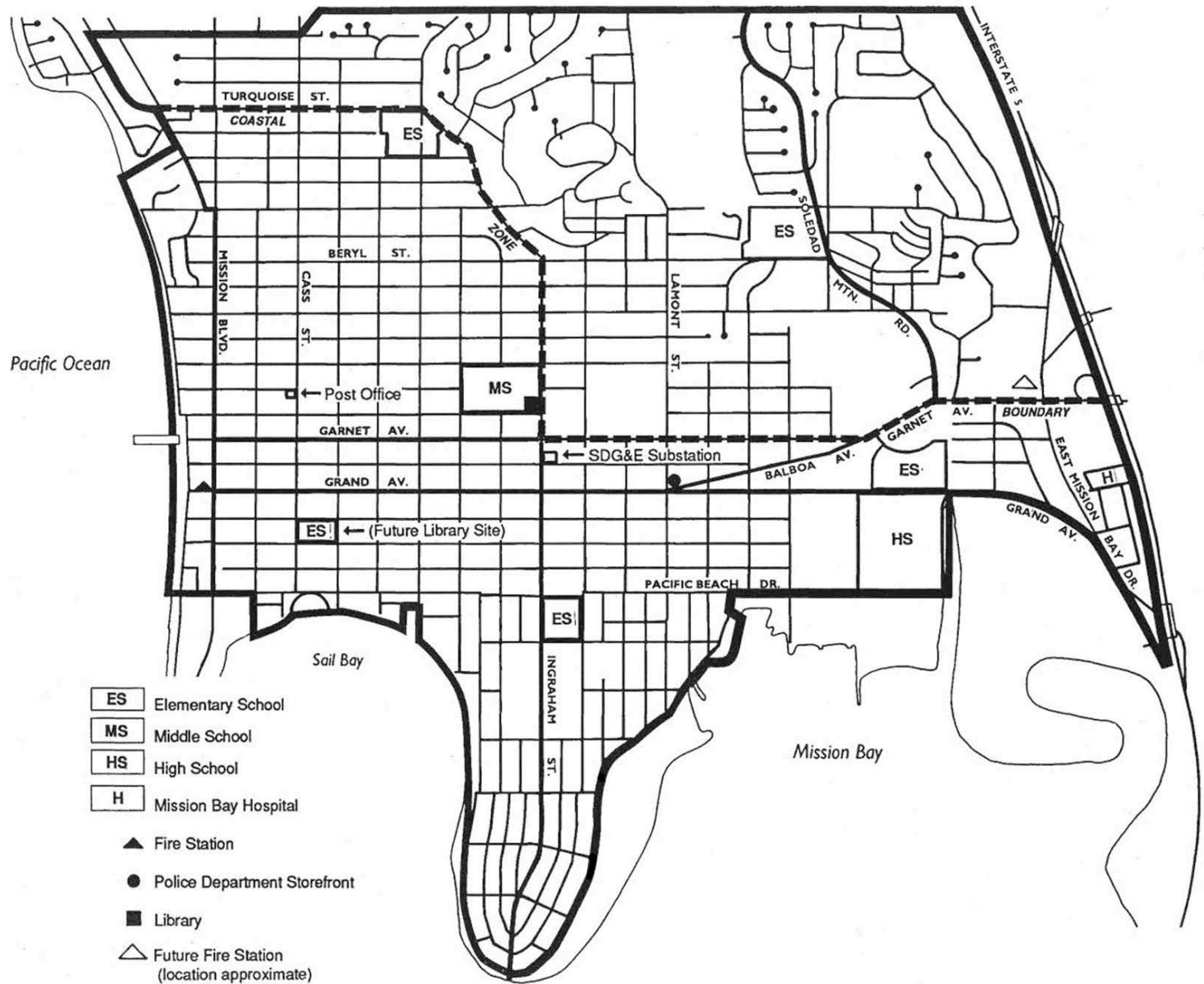


- Improve the appearance of water, sewer, gas and electric facilities in the community through enhanced landscaping and facade articulation of structures where possible.
- Ensure that new development of community facilities is complementary to the bulk and scale of the surrounding neighborhood.

- Provide for the social needs of the community's homeless and migrant populations.

POLICIES

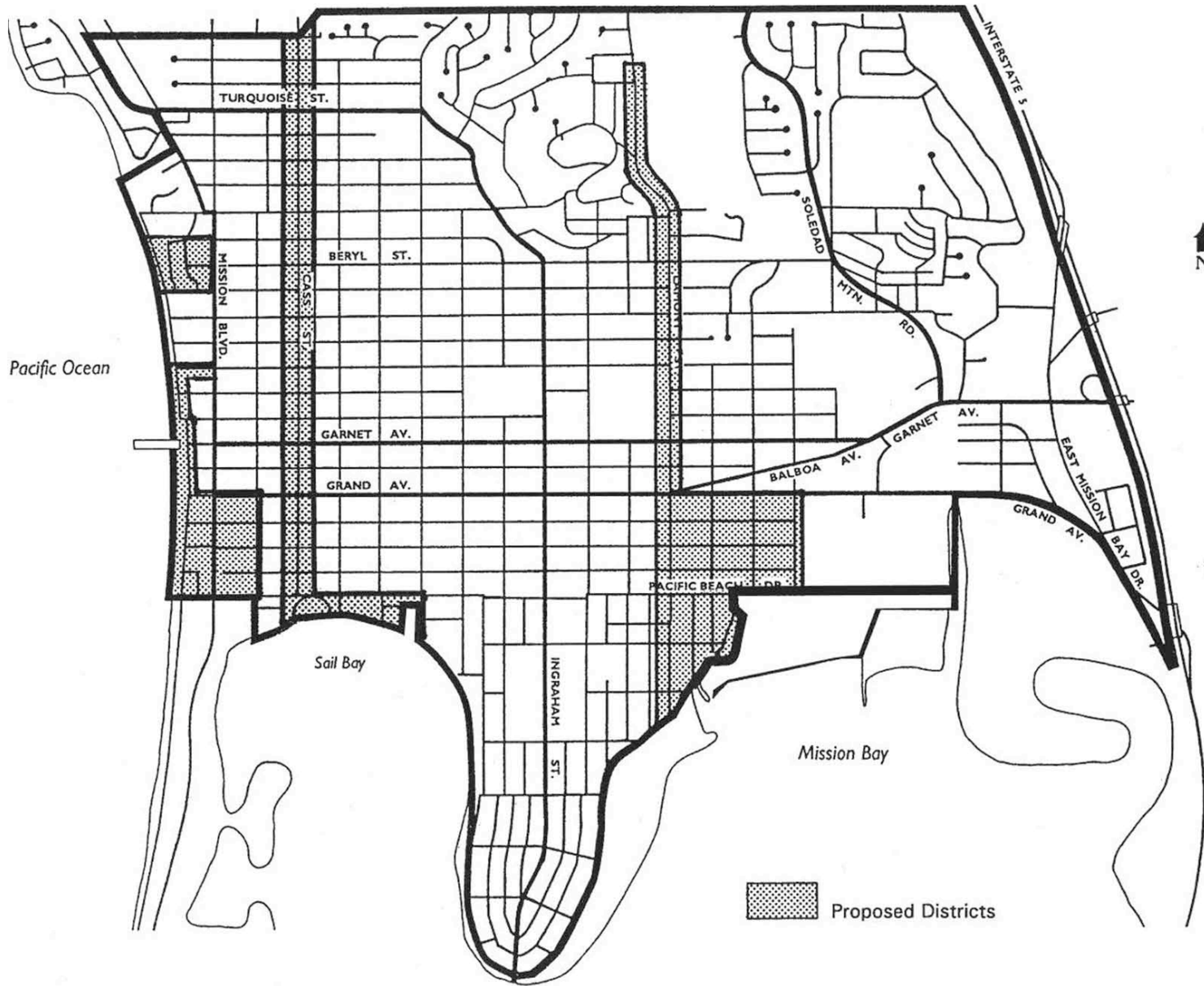
1. The City shall require the undergrounding of utilities for the approval of major projects in accordance with Council Policy and shall further implement the enhancement of key view corridors, identified by this plan, through underground utility districts.
2. All proposals for the construction or redevelopment of public facilities shall be reviewed to ensure conformance with the City's landscape ordinance and the goals of this plan.
3. The Park and Recreation Department shall work with the San Diego Unified School District to identify opportunities for utilizing school properties to provide additional recreational facilities to meet community needs, and shall further pursue acquisition or lease of surplus school sites for park development.
4. The City shall provide a new fire station in the proximity of Garnet Avenue and East Mission Bay Drive to enhance fire protection for the community. The new station will be designed in accordance of the recommendations of this plan.



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SPECIFIC PROPOSALS

1. Improve the appearance of the SDG&E substation at Ingraham and Hornblend Streets with enhanced landscaping and redwood slatted chain link fencing or other means of providing an attractive barrier.
2. Implement the view corridors (shown in **Figure 18**) as underground utility districts.
3. Process community facility development requests through the City projects review process to ensure conformance with the Pacific Beach Community Plan and to provide the opportunity for public input.
4. Appoint a Task Force of community and City representatives to quantify and analyze the needs of the homeless and migrant worker population in Pacific Beach and to formulate a plan to improve the conditions in the community utilizing community and City organizations and resources.



Underground Utility Districts
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FIGURE

