

A. Urban Design Segment Goals

The Urban Design Segment has a city feel with an abundance of retail developments and numerous intersections with city cross streets. This section of US 24 is planned to have raised medians defined by curb and gutter. Curb and gutter will also define the edges of the roadway. Forms in this area shall be linear with strong edges.

In conjunction with linear forms, lines will be clearly defined with crisp continuous edges to reinforce the linear elements that exist in the Urban Design Segment.

Colors and textures in the Urban Design Segment shall incorporate those found on the Westside (i.e., downtown Victorian architecture, commercial/retail developments and the surrounding land forms). Generally, these shall be earth tones with a concentration of tans and buffs that are found in the surrounding land forms and mountains. Textures shall reflect the block construction utilized in the area.

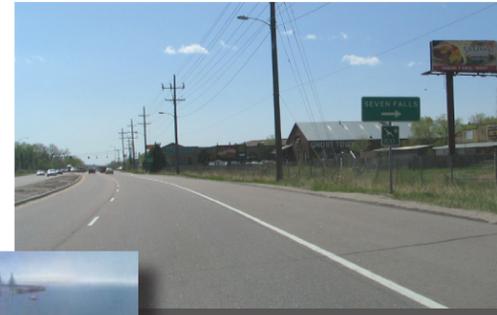
Objectives

1. Focus views on the Fountain Creek corridor and gateways.
2. Frame long range views.
3. Incorporate history, specifically: Victorian, railroad, iron work and mining heritage of the Colorado Springs area.
4. Strengthen the natural visual buffer created by the Fountain Creek riparian vegetation.
5. Emphasize gateways with the juxtaposition of formal environmental landscape against the natural landscape backdrop of Fountain Creek.
6. Create a hierarchy of gateways by the level of emphasis placed on the landscape and aesthetic elements at each gateway. The range of gateways include regional, community and neighborhood.
7. Use materials from the built environment including concrete, block, brick, metal and natural stone as an accent. The natural stone will be a common element in both the Urban and Rural Design Segments, along with the Midland Greenway.
8. Roadway structural elements including bridges, retaining walls, sound walls, etc. will be designed to be seen and make a statement.

These elements will become identifying elements for the Westside.

9. Provide visual clues to the existence of Old Colorado City business district.
10. Fountain Creek bridges on 8th, 21st, 26th and 31st Streets will relate to the creek and reflect the same character as the bridges on Ridge Road in the Rural Design Segment.

Line



Railroad Roundhouse



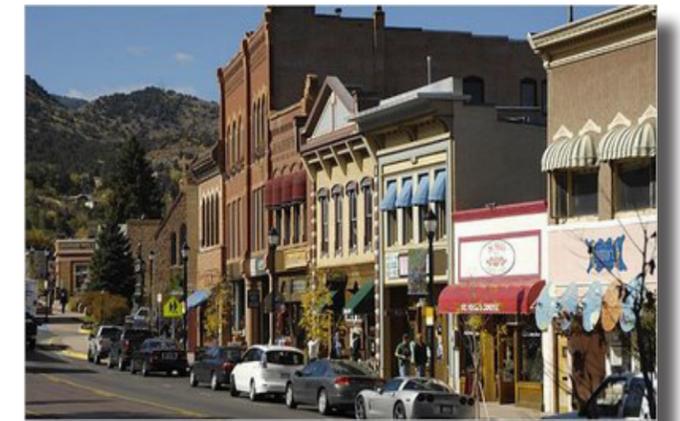
Form



Architecture



Color



Texture

