

Rural Design Segment

The Rural Design Segment begins just west of the US 24/31st Avenue intersection. Proposed highway improvements will improve vehicular visibility and congestion along the corridor. Aesthetic treatments are envisioned to be implemented as part of the highway improvements that will help to tie the new infrastructure and roadway alignment into the surrounding and adjoining landscape.

A. Gateways

As previously described within the Urban Design Segment, gateways have identifiable features that will relate and tie the proposed highway improvements to the surrounding area. Unlike the Urban Design Segment, the Rural Design Segment does not have the number of improved intersections or proposed interchanges as the Urban Design Segment. This stretch of highway proposes only one bridge structure over Ridge Road. Future ramps, which would be built by others, have not been included.

Ridge Road

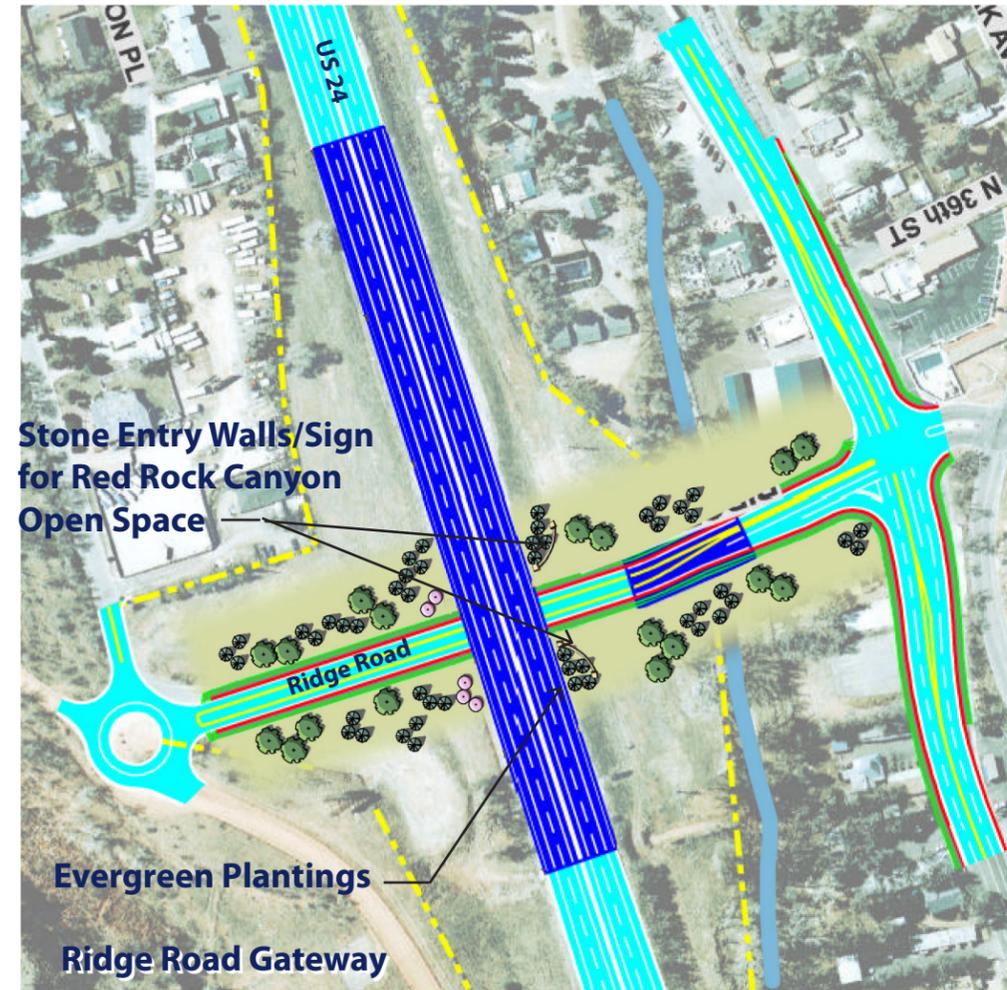
Stone entry walls into Red Rock Canyon Open Space are proposed for Ridge Road. The materials should match the stone and rock found within the open space itself. The use of stone entry walls will incorporate some of the design elements of the proposed bridges. This rock should appear related to the unifying natural accent rock.

The entry walls should be faced with stone that is an ashlar pattern. This pattern is random with differing sizes of stone randomly placed.



Random Ashlar Pattern

The joints between the stones should be deeply raked. The mortar should be an earth tone color to complement the color of the actual stone. See page 21 for a more detailed discussion of material and color. Evergreen trees with native shrubs and grasses are the landscaping anticipated for the gateway. Plants will be selected from the Highway Xeric R.O.W Xeric Plantings schedule in the Appendix. Along Fountain Creek, plants should be selected from the Naturalized Planting and Riparian Planting schedule in the Appendix.



Landscape Gateway Concept