

Downtown Denver Skyline View Shed

The Downtown Denver Skyline view shed can be viewed as a backdrop to the north, when passing over University Boulevard while traveling on C-470, as shown in **Figure 3-26**. The foreground is filled with commercial and residential units, as well as fully developed urban landscaping. Many of the roadways providing a network to get into and out of downtown Denver can also be seen from this view shed. This view denotes the sense of commerce and activity, leaving the natural mountain and recreational scenes to the west behind.

Denver Technological Center View Shed

The Denver Technological Center view shed can be seen from C-470 by looking northeast when

passing over Broadway and University Boulevard. This view includes commercial structures making up the region's southeast business district, as shown in **Figure 3-27**. The foreground is filled with commercial and residential structures and urban landscaping.

In addition to analyzing views from the highway, it is also important to discuss views of the highway features itself, as well as views from the areas nearby towards the highway, as perhaps a resident or trail user may see.

The existing noise walls near Santa Fe Drive and Wadsworth Boulevard were constructed with standard design treatments, using a brown color scheme that is inconsistent the colors on existing C-470 bridges. Most of the bridge, retaining wall,

**Figure 3-25
McClellan Reservoir and South Platte Park View Shed**



**Figure 3-26
Downtown Denver Skyline View Shed**



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1 lighting, signing, guardrail, and other design
 2 elements also lack consistency or a common
 3 theme. As a result, many of these structural
 4 elements contain colors, forms, and textures that
 5 are not compatible with others within the project
 6 area. One notable exception includes the sign
 7 structures for overhead signs, which now exhibit
 8 the new CDOT standard mono tube sign
 9 supports and sign bridges. These inconsistencies
 10 stem from the fact that the existing highway was
 11 constructed prior to the development of design
 12 standards, as described in CDOT's *Urban Design*
 13 *for Region 6*. For more information regarding the
 14 application of visual standards to C-470, see the
 15 *C-470 Visual and Aesthetic Character* (March 2005).

17 Several jurisdictions have expressed interest in
 18 incorporating interchanges within the project

51 area into gateways to their respective commu-
 52 nities. As such, they have requested some flexi-
 53 bility in the design treatments for these inter-
 54 changes to achieve their community goals. Both
 55 Lone Tree and Douglas County use the Quebec
 56 Street interchange as gateways to their jurisdic-
 57 tions. Community signs and designation features
 58 have been placed on Quebec Street at each
 59 gateway, and should be maintained. The City of
 60 Littleton has expressed interest in using the
 61 Santa Fe Drive interchange, currently a typical
 62 diamond configuration, as a gateway to their
 63 community. Discussions occurred as to the types
 64 of features they would like to see put into place,
 65 and these ideas were carried out with the visual
 66 analysis. A view of the existing Santa Fe Drive
 67 interchange is shown **Figure 3-28**.

21 **Figure 3-27**
 22 **Denver Technological Center View Shed**



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37 **Figure 3-28**
 38 **Existing Santa Fe Drive Interchange**

