

Unique Elements

1. Trail and Sidewalk Concepts

A hierarchy of trails is envisioned for the park lands adjacent to US 24. The overall goal for this trail system is to link the west side of Colorado Springs with Downtown and America the Beautiful Park. A portion of this trail exists between 8th and 21st Streets. The goal is to connect these existing sections and complete a network of trails that will become the Midland Greenway and complete the regional trail system in the area.

In the Urban Design Segment, trails will be installed on both the north and south sides of US 24. A proposed pedestrian bridge at 25th Street will facilitate a north-south grade separated crossing of US 24. Trails within the Rural Design Segment generally follow Fountain Creek. Sidewalk connections are also part of the planned trail system within both the Urban and Rural Design Segments.

Trail Classifications

Two classifications of trails are envisioned within the Urban and Rural Design Segments. These should be referred to as primary and secondary trails. Their width will vary depending upon their classification. Paved trails are intended to serve pedestrians, cyclists and roller bladers, while unpaved trails are intended to serve hikers and equestrian users.

Primary Trails

Primary trails should be a minimum of 12' in width and should meander to convey a park-like trail. Primary

trails should be concrete with integral earth tone colors to harmonize with the natural environment, as well as the built improvements. The main trail concrete color should be Federal Color #FS23630.



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Secondary Trails

To accommodate walkers, joggers and equestrian users wherever possible, primary trails should also include an adjacent secondary soft surface trail. This concept of separate hard and soft surface trails adjacent to one another is designed to eliminate conflicts between the different types of trail users. Soft surface trails should be a minimum of four feet wide. Materials such as crusher fines or breeze are the preferred soft surface treatment. These materials compact well and prevent weed growth. The material and color of this type of path should reflect the natural rock colors of the area (reds and browns).



Breeze Color Options

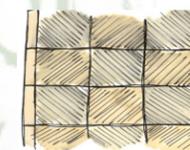


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Sidewalk areas should provide opportunities for site furniture (i.e., benches, trash receptacles, lights, etc.), as well as, areas for interpretive signs and art displays.

Connections to Old Colorado City

In addition to the pedestrian bridge at 25th Street, several connections to Old Colorado City and Colorado Avenue are planned. These are primarily attached pedestrian-friendly or "living sidewalks" at 8th, 15th, 21st, 26th, and 31st Streets, and Ridge Road. These attached walks should be designed to be at least ten feet wide. To create visual interest and relate to the pedestrian scale, sidewalks should be integrally colored concrete (earth tones) and incorporate score and finishing patterns. Sidewalks that connect Midland Greenway to adjacent neighborhoods should also include integral concrete color. A lighter tone is desired to help to lessen the grey appearance of natural concrete. Federal Color #FS30475 is desired.



Sidewalk Scoring Option