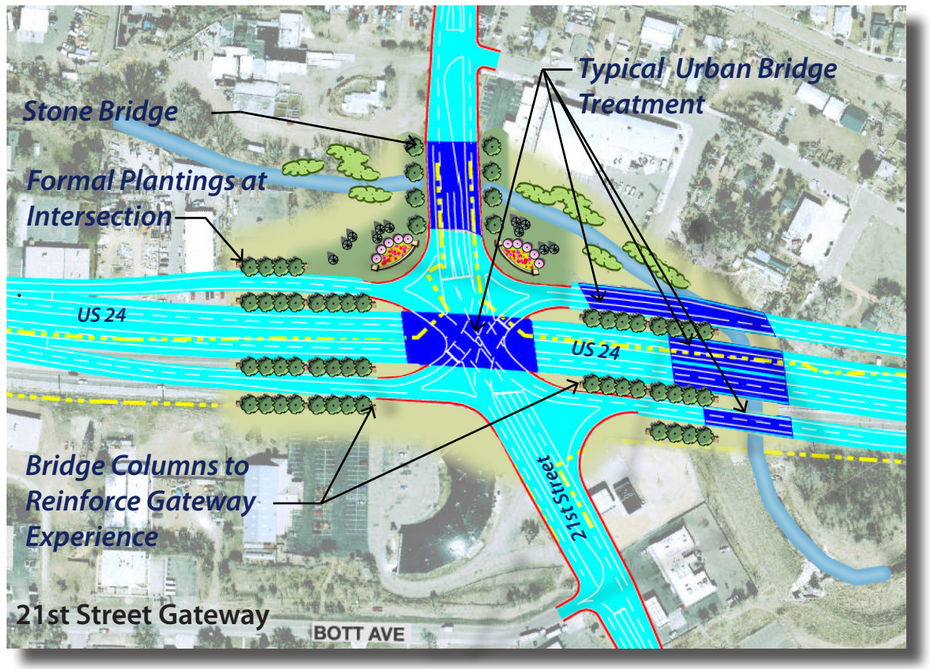
US 24 is a grade separated interchange over 21st Street with full turn movements occurring below the highway. Fountain Creek crosses beneath US 24 just to the east of 21st Street creating a unique riparian feel to this interchange.

Roadway architectural improvements at this location will be most visible to all vehicular traffic. US 24 highway bridge structures, retaining walls and noise walls will be in keeping with the Victorian architectural heritage of the Westside. See Bridge Treatment Concept Alternatives 'A' and 'B' for the Urban Design Segment on page 12.

of this highway interchange. To blend with the Fountain Creek drainage, berming with ornamental trees and evergreen ground cover, as well as low stone walls, are envisioned immediately adjacent to the on and off ramps at this location. The character of these walls should be in keeping with the stone bridges. All formal landscaping adjacent to US 24 should be selected from the Highway Right-of-way. Xeric and Gateway Planting schedules; Fountain Creek drainage plantings should be selected from the Naturalized and Riparian Planting schedules found in the Appendix.



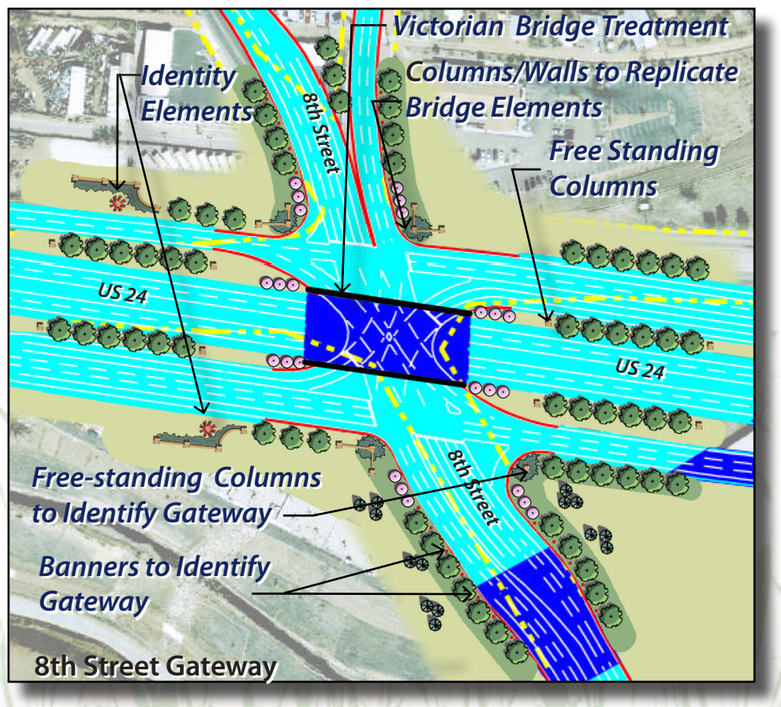
A stone bridge is envisioned to be constructed over Fountain Creek. This bridge will incorporate a natural stone veneer and will arch over the creek. It will use a unifying natural accent rock. The vernacular of this bridge is in keeping with the historic stone bridges on the west side of Fountain Creek. See the Fountain Creek/Ridge Road Stone Bridge perspective in the Rural Design Segment page 19.

At this gateway, a mixture of formal and riparian plantaings should be incorporated into the landscape. Less formalized plantings should occur on the northern side

3. Neighborhood Gateways (8th, 15th and 31st Streets)

Neighborhood gateways are located at 8th, 15th, 26th and 31st Streets. These gateways will serve as markers for local destinations along the US 24 corridor. Being less visible than regional and community gateways, neighborhood gateways will play off the design features used at the community level, but at a smaller scale. Neighborhood gateways also include landscaping and irrigation. They should incorporate the Victorian architectural elements proposed for the Urban Segment. As part of the Urban Design Segment bridge, large column elements are proposed. See page 12 for Bridge Treatment Concept Alternatives 'A' and 'B'. These columns can be scaled down to a pedestrian scale and used as free-standing elements. This will unify the visual character of the Urban Design Segment while helping to identify transition points from US 24 into the local neighborhoods.

Column elements on bridges can be reduced to a pedestrian scale to identify local neighborhoods.



8th Street

The 8th Street interchange is a part of the larger Cimarron/I-25/US 24 interchange complex. At this location, US 24 goes over 8th Street. This serves as a gateway into local neighborhood areas and retail shopping areas south of US 24.

The bridge structures shall have a Victorian theme. See page 12 for Bridge Treatment Concept Alternatives 'A' and 'B'.

Raised bridge columns should be incorporated into the design of the bridge structure so that they extend above the U.S. 24 road section and become a visual architectural element seen by highway travelers.

Smaller versions of the bridge columns can be used along the ramps at 8th Street to signify entrances into the local neighborhoods. Since 8th Street south is a retail shopping area, more attention and excitement should be created in the landscape through the use of color and texture. Colorful banners and landscaping along with sculptures and artwork could be used to announce this shopping area.

Landscaping proposed at 8th Street should be more formal, which is in keeping with the character of the Urban Design Segment. Plant material installed at this location should be selected from the Gateway Plantings Schedule in the Appendix.

Raised medians are planned on 8th Street and should be planted with trees, shrubs and ornamental grasses. This formal planting concept should be carried down along the sides of the 8th Street roadway and along the US 24 right-of-way .