



**Relocated Miners Statue at 26th Street**

**B. Bridges**

Several vehicular bridges are proposed for construction within this design segment. They are not only viewed as a means of vehicular conveyance, but as potential gateways into the surrounding communities adjacent to US 24. They should reflect the historical and Victorian nature of the surrounding area while making a significant statement about the importance of Fountain Creek. As a family of structures, they should all appear to be related, but have individual features that distinguish one bridge from another. Each bridge will have its own features that reflect the US 24 corridor and the heritage of the area.

The idea of having a “family” of structures shall be incorporated into all vehicular and pedestrian bridges within the Urban Design Segment.

**Vehicular Bridges**

US 24 highway bridge structures 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. Architectural columns should extend above the US 24 roadway and be visible from US 24. These columns provide the opportunity for metal and color accents, along with the potential to display a community logo or other identity elements. Attention should also be paid to bridge railings so they match the Victorian theme. This may result in using CDOT-required safety rail on the roadway side of the bridge and an architectural screening element on the outside face of the structure so that the safety rail is not visible. The use of arched forms is very important, so curtain walls on the bridge faces and arched forms on the face of the retaining walls are desired. See Vehicular Bridge / Retaining Wall Treatment Elevation on page 14. In addition to the unifying material, accent rock, modu-

lar block, brick and concrete can be used. These materials and colors were chosen because they reflect the building material found within the older structures of Old Colorado City and Colorado Springs.

**Pedestrian Bridge**

The potential pedestrian bridge at 25th Street connects neighborhoods on the south of US 24 with Old Colorado City. It will require a partnership to fund its construction. This pedestrian bridge will span both the US 24 roadway and Fountain Creek. This bridge is actually two bridges. See bridge sketch page 13. A pedestrian ramp will elevate users up to the bridge structure on the south side of US 24. A trestle-style pedestrian bridge will span the highway and connect, at grade, to the elevated trail on the north side of US 24. The second trestle-style bridge will span Fountain Creek and

carry users to 25th Street with another ramp for pedestrians to bring them down to existing grade. The trestle design has been selected as a means of paying homage to the once-thriving railroad industry of the area. This also allows the use of a pre-engineered steel structure as long as they are truss structures.