

Interested in Planning a Greenway?

Please join us for an Open House Thursday, March 22, 2007.

From 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Please drop in any time.

Community Partnership for Child Development

2330 Robinson Street, Colorado Springs

At the January 2007 Workshop, we worked on creating a vision for the greenway. Now we have some concepts based on that vision. We want to hear from you so that we can begin to refine them. Plan to attend!

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The Vision for US 24 states...

The US 24 improvements will integrate into the community fabric, while providing safety, accessibility and mobility.

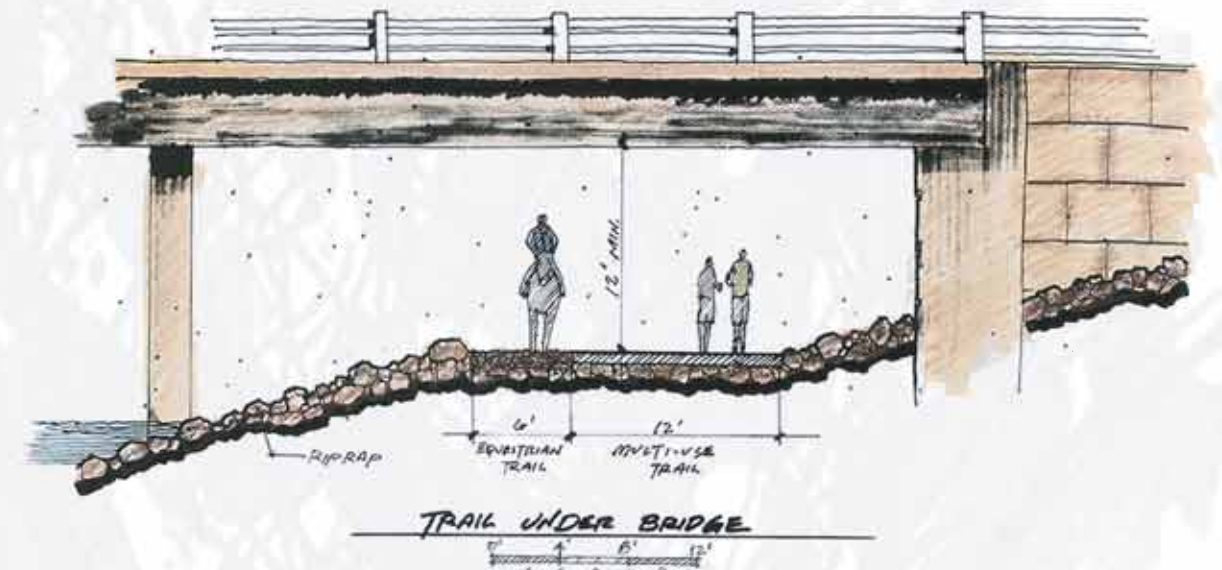
US 24 has a long history of serving Colorado and the communities along it. The corridor is a vital east/west connection for the Pikes Peak region providing mobility for cars, bikes, pedestrians, animals, even the Fountain Creek. The US 24 solutions are being designed to meet critical issues established by the stakeholders, addressing mobility, the environment, the community, local economics and construction.

While planning for US 24 using these critical issues, it has become apparent that there are many systems at work in the corridor. These include the roads, the trails, the bus routes, the creek, shops, restaurants, parks and open space.

These systems are and must remain interconnected, so a solution for US 24 must integrate with recommendations that help improve water quality, solve flooding, connect trails and improve access to local businesses. This integration can include:

- Connecting roadway improvements with trails for better access and safety
- Using floodplain improvements to improve water quality and aesthetics
- Having transit parking used for weekend park access
- Connecting local amenities with local businesses (trails with restaurants)

This approach has led to the idea of a greenway, which is typically defined as a stretch of undeveloped land close to an urban area that is kept for community use.



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Envision 24 West
The Greenway

CDOT is committed to the planning of a greenway that integrates the local systems and adds lasting value to the community.

"This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity."
—Jude Willcher,
City of Colorado Springs

This greenway could include trails, natural water quality treatments, trees, fountains, places to play and areas to discover. It will be designed to carry a 100-year flood so surrounding homes and businesses will not be damaged. It will also be one of the focal points of the Westside, creating gateways to the mountains, downtown, and nearby neighborhoods. By connecting local and regional destinations the greenway will make the Westside a truly "walkable community."

Additionally, the greenway can optimize resources such as local, state and federal dollars by combining improvements and resources. Construction of elements using a variety of funds and accomplishing different goals can be done concurrently. Examples include:

- CDOT raising the bridges to prevent flooding and City trails being built underneath without street crossings
- Water quality treatments being built to clean the water in Fountain Creek and the roadway runoff

A vision for what the greenway can be...

Something for everyone

The greenway will have active and passive uses. It will be a gathering place for many types of groups and it will include elements such as paths, trails, parks, interpretive sites and business opportunities.

A natural place

The greenway will fit the area and blend in with its surroundings. Its appearance will change with the seasons, and vary along its course. The natural design will make sustainability the first goal and will facilitate its role in improving water quality and managing the floodplain.

A gateway

The greenway will help to aesthetically define the Westside, as well as announce a gateway to the community and to the mountains. It will convey to travelers on US 24 that this is a place, and not just a passageway.

A destination

The greenway will be a regional destination, hosting events and encouraging people to stop. It will be a stopping place along local and regional trails and will encourage development of compatible adjacent businesses.

A connector

The greenway will provide connections to existing business districts, local attractions and to the Westside's parks and open spaces. Key elements to be connected on the Westside include Garden of the Gods, Old Colorado City, Red Rocks open space and the Midland Trail. It will also bind together local and regional trails.

About the community

From the history of the area to its present day mixed-use the greenway will tell the story of the Westside. The planning, management and maintenance of the greenway will be a community success and a template for other projects within the Pikes Peak area. A true community partnership.

Working together, we can plan and build a greenway that reaches many goals and serves many functions. The greenway represents a true community project that will be enjoyed for generations to come.

"The greenway could be an exciting model for regional cooperation and partnerships."

—Dan Cleveland,
Executive Director,
Trails and Open Space Coalition

