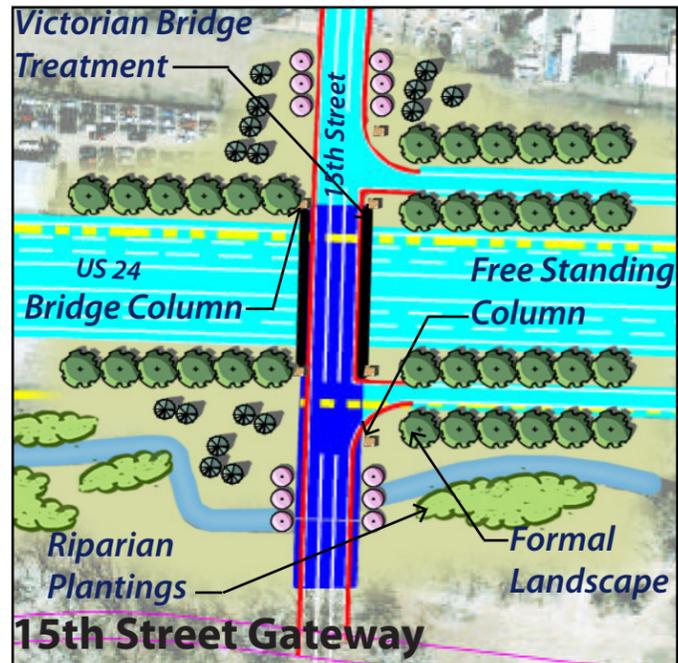


## 15th Street

15th Street is the only location along the US 24 West Corridor where a city cross street is on a bridge structure over U.S. 24. It will be constructed by a private developer and will serve to connect the developing area of Gold Hill Mesa with Colorado Avenue.

Due to its location and orientation, this bridge structure provides the best opportunity to showcase the proposed urban design segment Victorian theme. The developer is being encouraged to apply the same design vernacular applied to the 8th Street bridge. Refer to the Urban Design Segment Bridge Treatment Concept alternative 'A' and 'B' on page 12. Due to its high visibility, additional design elements could be incorporated. Elements, such as additional design reveals, more unique column treatments, etc. could all add richness to this bridge structure and gateway.



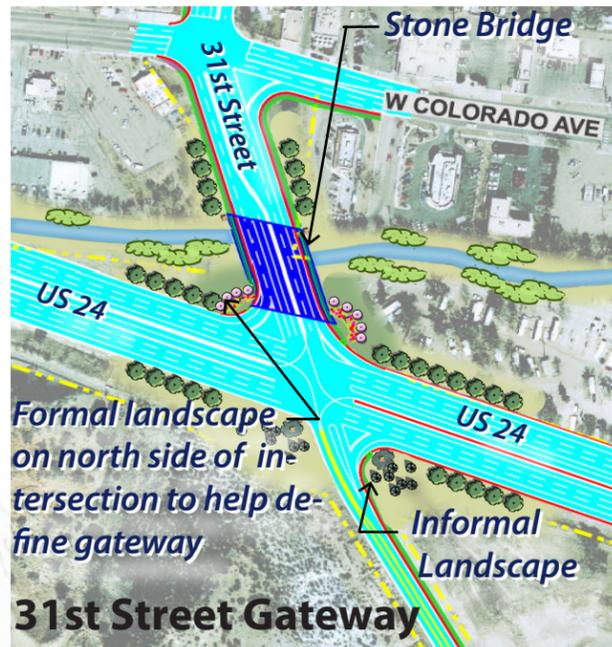
As with all interchanges within the Urban Design Segment, more formal landscape treatments will help to reinforce the gateway concept. Deciduous trees should line US 24 and ornamental trees are envisioned for 15th Street. Due to the proximity of Fountain Creek to this gateway, riparian-type plantings will also be incorporated into the landscape treatment on the southern side of the highway. All proposed landscape material should be selected from the Gateway, Naturalized and Riparian Planting Schedules in the Appendix.

## 31st Street

This is an at-grade signalized intersection that will serve as a gateway to Garden of the Gods, employment centers and residential neighborhoods north of US 24. This is a major north-south travel corridor connecting US 24 with northern points. For this reason, the gateway statement will be developed on the north side of US 24 using predominantly formal landscaping. Naturalized and riparian vegetation along Fountain Creek will be the backdrop to the formal landscaping. On the south side of US 24, informal xeric landscaping should be used. Evergreen trees and native shrubs should be the key elements of this landscape. This landscape is intended to blend with the native landscape of Red Rock Canyon Open Space.

Another gateway is the proposed bridge over Fountain Creek, just north of the intersection with US 24. As with all bridges crossing Fountain Creek, the actual bridge aesthetic material will be stone veneer. See the Fountain Creek/Ridge Road Stone Bridge on page 19.

This gateway has the most diverse planting zones of all the gateways, requiring thoughtful selection from all schedules in the Appendix.

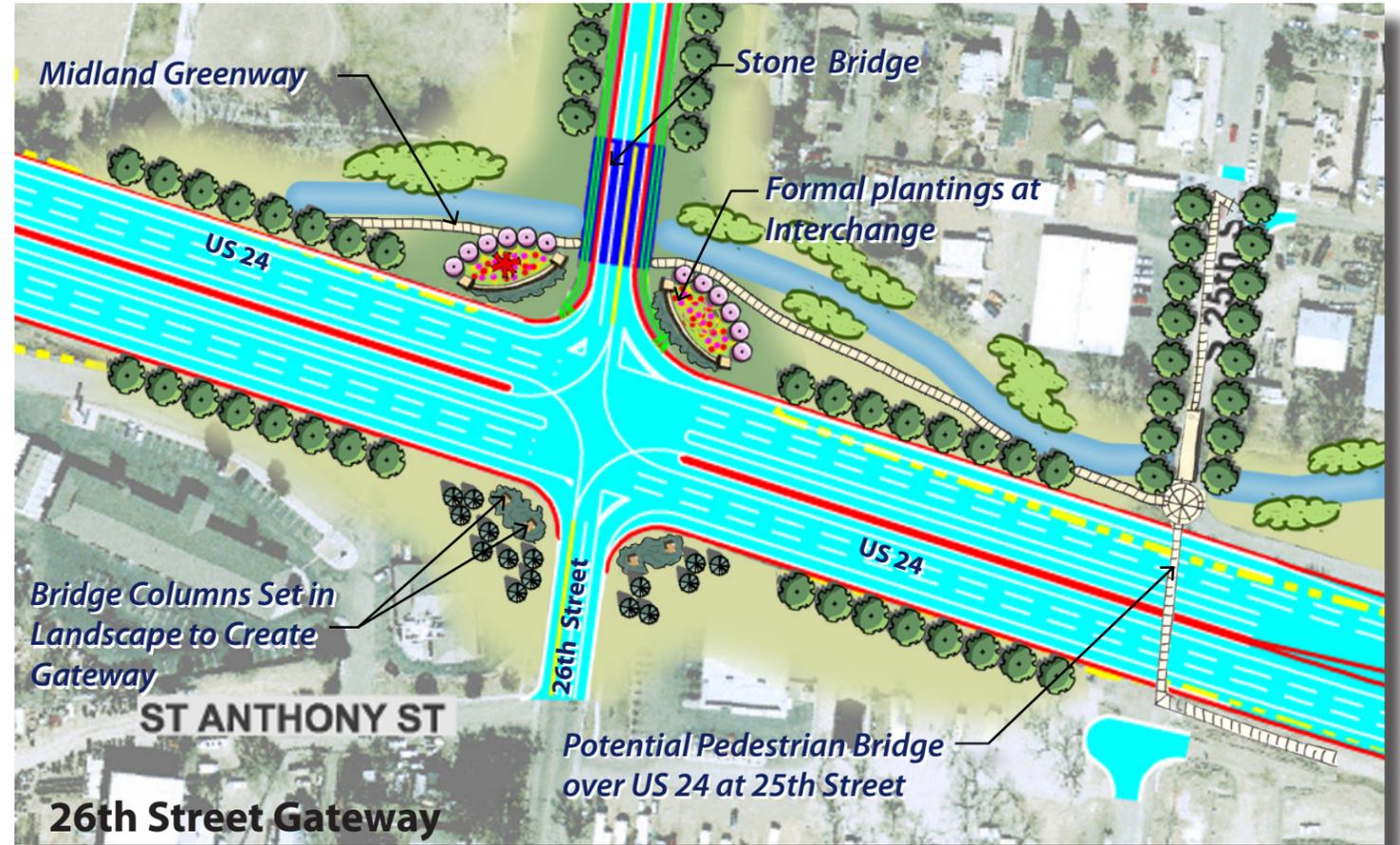


## 31st Street Gateway

## Old Colorado City Gateway (26th Street)

This is a unique at-grade signalized intersection that will serve as a neighborhood and main gateway into Old Colorado City. The Miners Statue previously located on the northwest corner of 21st Street will be relocated to this intersection. The scale and placement of this monument at the new location will need to be carefully considered when designing this gateway. Site walls and grading maybe required to give this statue the presentation it deserves.

Formal plantings of trees and shrub masses along US 24 will further enhance this gateway concept. Naturalized plantings occurring along Fountain Creek and the proposed Midland Greenway Trail will serve as a backdrop to the Gateway. Planting around the relocated Miners Statue should provide a good backdrop for the sculpture. Ornamental trees and grasses will assist with the presentation. All landscape plant materials for use at this gateway should be selected from the Gateway, Naturalized and Riparian Plantings Schedules located in the Appendix.



Other gateway features for this intersection will include vertical architectural columns on all four corners. The style of these should be in keeping with the style of the bridges being constructed along US 24 within the Urban Design Segment.

Another gateway element is the proposed bridge over Fountain Creek just north of the intersection with US 24. As with all bridges crossing Fountain Creek, the actual bridge aesthetic materials will be stone veneer. See the Fountain Creek/Ridge Road Stone Bridge on page 19.