

## 2. Site Amenities

Trail amenities such as benches, signage, lighting and trash receptacles should be included along the length of the trail system. They should be located at key points along the corridor where trails intersect with sidewalks and other trail segments.



*Benches*



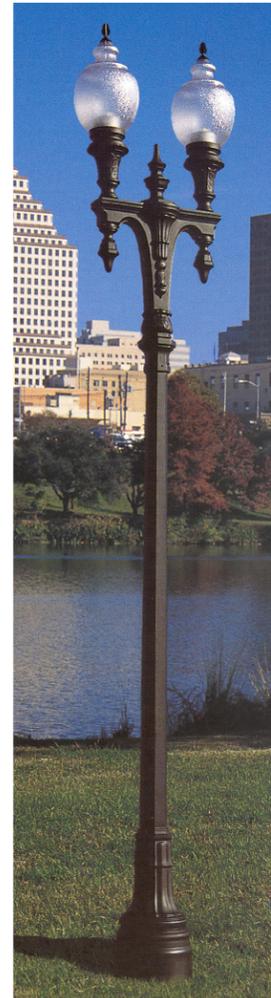
*Trash/Recycling Receptacles*

Benches may also be located where trail users can enjoy scenic views and can be randomly located along the trail corridor as places for recreationalists to relax, read and take a break from their recreational pursuits.

Lighting fixtures should be placed where security and safety are factors as well as to provide a sense of comfort. Underpasses, trail connections and trail intersections are all examples of potential lighting locations. The use of fixtures in these locations is envisioned to be more aesthetic and should not be confused with the types of lighting normally associated with large parking lots or highway right-of-way areas.

While it is important to preserve and protect the nighttime environment by preventing light pollution, it may not be possible with the use of certain pedestrian scale light fixtures. Light pollution should be avoided where possible with the use of low wattage bulbs and LED fixtures. Light standards should still have a Victorian flavor and blend with the existing community character that is representative of Old Colorado City and Manitou Springs.

As a family of trail amenities, the benches, trash receptacles and lighting should all have a common theme or design to them. There should be continuity between the site furnishings and how they appear. The style should reflect a Victorian/historical theme that is in keeping with the heritage of Old Colorado City and Manitou Springs. It should be carried throughout the entire length of the corridor through both the Urban and Rural Design Segments.



*Lighting*

## 3. Roadway Lighting

Roadway lighting should be provided at the on-ramps, off-ramps and interchanges. Lighting should consist of approved FHWA light standards that should be neutral in color (i.e., black and/or grey). So as to not impede or compete with the views and natural scenery within each of the design segments, light pollution should be avoided and, therefore, careful consideration should be given to the number and placement of light poles. Lighting should only be provided for safety, security and comfort. Excessive use of lights impedes night sky access, produces excessive glare, reduces visibility, wastes valuable energy resources and interferes with the natural environment for wildlife.

The actual design and placement of these fixtures will be determined during final design by FHWA standards.