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Councilmember

MOTION

WE MOVE that City Council allocate \$185,000 from the capital budget to Uptown Consortium to advance design and development for the Innovation Greenway in the northeast quadrant of the Uptown Consortium Corridor.

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STATEMENT

The planning and design of the Innovation Greenway combines foundational planning and design around urban design, transportation, community development and is a transformative project that supports economic, business and community growth. UCI has been working with its consultant – Sasaki – to master plan and design the entire NE quadrant and its central park-like spine called the Innovation Greenway. The Innovation Greenway is a green network that runs north and south through the center of the NE Quadrant, adjacent to the planned Node mixed-use development. The Innovation Greenway weaves together active and passive open spaces, ecological functions such as re-use of stormwater runoff for enhanced landscape elements, creating a unique district character that links development areas, planned bikeway paths and connections. It is an adaptable and programmable space for the broader Uptown community, and specifically the LIC neighborhood of Avondale. It creates a collaborative common ground that is both educational, ecologically responsible and will become the heart of the district. UCI has presented the plans at the various stages of design completion to the Avondale community, which has received broad support from its stakeholders and residents.