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The Slauson corridor, between Normandie Avenue and Alameda Boulevard, is composed of working-class neighborhoods, commercial businesses, and social service agencies providing a variety of services from healthcare to community development. Today, the corridor is undergoing a resurgence of infrastructure and community investment through an expansion of green and recreational spaces.

The area has a long history of disinvestment, which has left its infrastructure in need of revitalization and attention in order to foster healthy and livable communities. Actively, the corridor has a number of projects in the pipeline including Metro’s Rail to Rail (R2R)--a \$143 million investment that is transforming abandoned railway lines along Slauson Avenue into a walking and bike path that will connect constituents to several major corridors and modes of transportation. Another investment in the area is a \$35 million grant awarded to the South LA Eco-Lab, which covers a 3.9-mile area in South Los Angeles. This consortium of community-based organizations will advance many initiatives including: the planting of 6,000 shade and fruit trees, the installation of solar roofs and EV charging stations, expansion of car-sharing and the LADOT e-bike library, provide free Metro passes to eligible residents, and other transformative climate projects. Collectively, these efforts aim to combat climate change, enhance mental and physical well-being, and build resilience within the community.

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The R2R project and South LA Eco-Lab compliments the vision of creating a 2-mile long Green Corridor that connects constituents to four parks: Slauson Connect Recreation and Education Center, Sen. Bill Greene Memorial Park, Slauson & Wall, and Augustus F. Hawkins Nature Park—two of which are in construction and two that are undergoing renovations. Collectively, these developments will bring an amphitheater, outdoor fitness area, housing, a community center, a daycare center and a garden studio, among more. Additionally, the Greenway strategically intersects Avalon Boulevard, with 4.5 miles of bike lanes between Slauson Avenue and King Boulevard. Avalon Boulevard also provides intermodal access to the South LA Wetlands Park, South Park Recreation Center and Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center.

According to Merriam-Webster, “Greenway” is defined as a corridor of undeveloped land preserved for recreational use or environmental protection. Given the reinvestment to green and open space along the corridor, it is appropriate to consider the street a greenway as a set goal.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Engineer be directed to begin the process of co-naming Slauson Avenue, between Normandie Boulevard and Alameda Boulevard, to “South Los Angeles Greenway.”

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I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial signages to this effect at this location.

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