



## **REPORT OF MEETING**

**Date and Time: Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 12 - 8 PM**

**Location: Samuel V. Arroyo Center, 30 Pope Park Drive, Hartford**

**Subject: Open Planning Studio #9**

### **1. Meeting Advertising**

The Project Team advertised the ninth Open Planning Studio in the following ways:

- Creating a press release and sending it out via the Connecticut Department of Transportation Communications Office and a direct email to select news sources.
- Creating a visually appealing double-sided English / Spanish postcard which was distributed and displayed at libraries, community centers, neighborhood meetings, churches, pop up events, and local business gathering places.
- Sending two e-bulletins to the 1600 person contact list before the event. One e-bulletin went out more than two weeks prior to the event, and the other went out two days before the event.
- Posting the event details to social media (Facebook and Twitter) at least two times prior to the event.
- Developing English / Spanish newspaper display ads which were submitted and printed in the following publications before the event:
  - Hartford Courant
  - Hartford News
  - La Voz Hispana
  - Identidad Latina
  - The West Indian American
  - Viva Hartford
  - Northend Agent's
- Submitting event information to the following local/neighborhood communications:
  - West End Civic Association Newsletter
  - Asylum Hill Association Newsletter
  - Frog Hollow NRZ
  - Sodo NRZ
  - Parkville Revitalization Association
  - Broad Street Happenings (Trinity/Behind the Rocks)
  - Golden Ager Newsletter (East Hartford)
  - Real Hartford

### **2. Meeting Schedule and Attendance**

The Open Planning Studio (OPS) took place on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 8 PM. The event included meetings of the public advisory committee (PAC), Urban Design and Bicycle,

Pedestrian and Transit Working Group sessions, as well as an open house where members of the public could obtain project information and speak directly with Project Team members.

18 members of the public attended the OPS, not including PAC or working group attendees.

### **3. Informational Boards**

Several informational boards were placed around the perimeter of the room. They included:

1. I-84 Study Area Map
2. Fast Facts
3. 2016 At A Glance
4. Project Schedule
5. Mainline Alternatives: Vertical Alignment
6. Mainline Alternatives: Horizontal Alignment
7. Connecting People With Jobs
8. I-84 / I-91 Interchange Study
9. Sample Refinements to the Lowered Highway
10. Lowered highway With Capped Section
11. CT *fastrak* Routing: Alternative 3 W3-E2 (S)
12. Sigourney Eastbound On-Ramp Options
13. Urban Design Analysis
14. Potential Corridor Concept
15. Bicycle Network Opportunities
16. East Coast Greenway Overview
17. Potential East Coast Greenway Alignment
18. Multi-Use Greenway: Concept for I-84
19. What are your priorities?
20. Potential Building Impacts: All Alternatives
21. Potential Building Impacts: Lowered Highway
22. Broad Street rendering
23. Park Street rendering

### **4. Event Overview**

The event began with a PAC meeting and was followed by Urban Design and Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Working Group sessions. 63 people attended the PAC meeting; 24 people attended the Urban Design meeting; 14 people attended the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit meeting. Several activities were available for youth and children to learn about the project.

### **5. Urban Design Discussion**

Mitch Glass of Goody Clancy, led a discussion of various urban design considerations, including new roads and development parcels, and potential building impacts.

### **6. Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Transit Discussion**

M. Glass led a discussion of various topics related to mobility. He discussed potential alterations to CT *fastrak* and the railroad. He explained in detail information about the East Coast Greenway and potential multi-use linear park.