



REPORT OF MEETING

Date and Time: Monday, July 25, 2016, 9 – 11:30 am

Location: Raether Library, Trinity College, Hartford

Subject: Lesson 2 with Summer Interns of the Center for Latino Progress

1. Attendees

Marcy Miller, Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc. (FHI)

Michael Coulom, FHI

32 summer interns from the Center for Latino Progress (CLP)

2. Purpose / Overview

The meeting was the second of three special sessions with CLP summer interns. The sessions were organized to inform area youth about the project, introduce them to potential career paths, and hear their feedback. The group in this second session focused on civic engagement and career development. Almost all interns were from Hartford and between 10th-12th grade.

Marcy Miller, of Fitzgerald and Halliday, Inc. (FHI), and Michael Coulom, also of FHI, delivered a presentation. They provided an overview of the project, its history, purpose and needs, the various alternatives and their associated costs, and a detailed look at the lowered highway alternative. They then watched the video of the lowered highway alternative.

M. Miller and M. Coulom discussed possible bicycle and pedestrian amenities, including an elevated East Coast Greenway facility, a connected bike network, and increased redundancy in the local road network. They asked the interns to engage in the planning process by thinking about how they would like to use the developable land made available by the project. Some interns indicated that they would like to see additional recreational space, like basketball courts.

Several boards were set up around the room for the interns to view after the lesson. After the project team left, the CLP program instructor led the interns through the comment submission process on the project website. 13 comments were submitted online.

3. Discussion

There was a question about housing impacts and assistance in identifying new housing for those impacted by the project. M. Miller said that the state has met with the owners of affected properties, and that all renting tenants would receive assistance for relocation, ideally within Hartford.

One intern asked if a ground level highway would be accessible from any point. M. Coulom said that the highway would only be accessible from specific on and off ramps, and only to motor vehicles.