



## REPORT OF MEETING

**Date and Time: Friday, July 29, 2016, 1 - 3 pm**

**Location: YouMedia Center, Hartford Public Library, Downtown Branch**

**Subject: Lesson 3 with Summer Interns of the Center for Latino Progress**

### 1. Attendees

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

Michael Coulom, FHI

Tim Ryan, TranSystems Corporation (TSC)

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

### 2. Purpose / Overview

The meeting was the final 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 final session focused on computer and technology career development. Almost all interns were from Hartford and between 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Marcy Miller and Michael Coulom, both of FHI, joined Tim Ryan, of TSC, in delivering a presentation. They provided an overview of the project, its history, purpose and needs, various alternatives and associated costs, and a detailed look at the lowered highway alternative. T. Ryan explained the fundamentals of traffic modeling and associated software, and M. Coulom explained what graphic design software the project team uses. Some students had experience with Adobe Photoshop. The interns watched the video of the lowered highway alternative.

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. 19 comments were submitted online.

### 3. Discussion

There was a question about residential displacement. M. Miller said that renting tenants would receive assistance for relocation, ideally in Hartford. M. Coulom said that it would be the interns' responsibility as Hartford residents to encourage the inclusion of affordable housing in private development adjacent to the highway, if they have that concern.

An employee of the Hartford Public Library asked if the lowered highway would reduce pedestrian and bicycle connections. M. Miller said that the lowered highway would create new and improved bicycle and pedestrian connections across and adjacent to the highway.

Some interns privately remarked that there are very few people of color in project renderings. M. Coulom thanked them for recognizing this and told them that the project team has been working to be more inclusive in its depictions of the city. He recognized the valued presence of all people and communities in Hartford and their contributions to the city.