

THE 5TH ANNUAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER CITIES & TOWNS INITIATIVE

Capitol Meeting

Agenda

February 28 – March 2, 2017 Washington, DC

Unless otherwise noted, all sessions and events are open to all mayors and other officially invited attendees. Official functions and meeting services are located in the Phoenix Park Hotel unless otherwise stated. Overflow properties include the Hyatt Regency Washington, DC and the Washington Court Hotel.

February 28

Dinner with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

6:00pm – 9:00pm, The McDermott Building, Main Conference Room, 500 North Capitol Street, NW

Mayors may gather in the hotel lobby of the Phoenix Park at 5:50pm to walk next door to dinner venue.

Registration materials will be available at the dinner.

Mayors will be joined by leadership from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a sit-down dinner to discuss current challenges facing the Mississippi River as well as possible solutions.

Presiding: GEORGE FLAGGS, Mayor of Vicksburg, MS
CHRIS COLEMAN, Mayor of St. Paul, MN, MRCTI Co-Chair
BELINDA CONSTANT, Mayor of Gretna, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Welcome: JAMES KIM
Partner
McDermott Will & Emery LLP

Remarks: LESLIE SHOEMAKER
Global Executive Vice President, Water, Environment & Infrastructure
Tetra Tech

Discussion: MAJOR GENERAL DONALD E. (ED) JACKSON
Deputy Commanding General, Civil Operations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
COLONEL ANTHONY MITCHELL
Commander, St. Louis District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
COL MICHAEL DEROSIER
Commander, Vicksburg District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
EDWARD E. BELK
Chief, Programs Integration Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Discussion: ROY E. WRIGHT
Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation
Federal Emergency Management Agency

*Update on
2017 Annual Mtg:* FRANCIS SLAY
Mayor of St. Louis, MO

March 1

Funding Infrastructure Improvements In Our Cities

8:00am – 10:00am, Main Conference Room, Van Scoyoc Associates, Inc., 101 Constitution Avenue, NW, #600w
Mayors will meet in the Phoenix Park Lobby at 7:30am and board buses for the breakfast venue.

Presiding: JIM STRICKLAND, Mayor of Memphis, TN

Welcome: STEVEN PALMER
Vice President, Van Scoyoc Associates

Greetings: JESSICA GIROUX
General Counsel & Managing Director
Bond Dealers of America

Introduction: MARK P. SMITH
Deputy Director, North American Water
The Nature Conservancy

LINDA LANGSTON
Director of Strategic Relations
National Association of Counties

Presentation: ANTTI M. SUHONEN
Executive Director, Infrastructure Public Finance
Corporate & Investment Bank
J.P. Morgan

Capitol Hill Executive Meetings

10:30am – 12:00pm, LBJ Room (S-211), United States Capitol, Senate Side

Presiding: ROY BUOL, Mayor of Dubuque, IA
Frank Klipsch, Mayor of Davenport, IA

Presentation: KAREN E. WIRTH
EPA Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water
Source Water Protection Collaborative Team Leader

Presentation: ALAN MAYBERRY
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety
Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Adm.
U.S. Department of Transportation

HOWARD “MAC” McMILLAN
Acting Deputy Administrator
PHMSA
U.S. Department of Transportation

MARK SANBORN
Intergovernmental Affairs
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation

Update: KELLY MCGINNIS
Mississippi River Program Manager
Mississippi River Network

STACI WILLIAMS
Mississippi River Program
American Rivers

Capitol Hill Lunch

12:00pm – 1:30pm, LBJ Room (S-211), United States Capitol, Senate Side

Presiding: Tim Kabat, Mayor of La Crosse, WI

Introduction: FRANCIS SLAY
Mayor of St. Louis, MO

Remarks: THE HONORABLE LACY CLAY
Member, House Finance Committee
United States House of Representatives (MO)

Presentation: THE HONORABLE RON KIND
Member, House Ways & Means Subcommittee on Trade
United States House of Representatives (WI)

White House Meeting on Infrastructure (Mayors and city staff only)

2:30pm – 4:00pm, White House Executive Office Building, 17th Street & State Place, NW

Presiding: CHRIS COLEMAN, Mayor of St. Paul, MN, MRCTI Co-Chair
BELINDA CONSTANT, Mayor of Gretna, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Welcome: WILLIAM KIRKLAND
Deputy Director
White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Introduction: PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
Disaster Resilience and National Security

Discussion: D.J. GRIBBIN
Special Assistant to the President for Infrastructure Policy
Executive Office of the President

Break (Return to Hotel)

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Congressional Dinner Opening Reception

6:30pm – 7:00pm, Opening Reception, Top of the Jones Day Building, 300 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Rm 740

Mayors may gather in the hotel lobby at 6:15pm to walk one block to the Dinner venue

Join St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman, Gretna Mayor Belinda Constant, and members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives for a reception and dinner with the Mississippi River Caucus.

Presiding: CHRIS COLEMAN, Mayor of St. Paul, MN, MRCTI Co-Chair
BELINDA CONSTANT, Mayor of Gretna, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Introduction: BUZ CRAFT
Mayor, City of Vidalia, LA

Remarks: THE HONORABLE RALPH ABRAHAM
Member, Agriculture Committee
United States House of Representatives (LA)

Introduction: TIM KABAT
Mayor, City of La Crosse, WI

Remarks: THE HONORABLE TAMMY BALDWIN
United States Senate (WI)

Congressional Dinner

7:00pm – 8:30pm, Dinner, Top of the Jones Day Building, 300 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Rm 740

This is our chance to impress upon new members of Congress and the Administration the importance of the Nation's Inland Waterway System and the valuable Federal Partnerships that can fulfill America's infrastructure needs.

Presiding: CHRIS COLEMAN, Mayor of St. Paul, MN, MRCTI Co-Chair
BELINDA CONSTANT, Mayor of Gretna, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Welcome: ANTONIO F. DIAS
Senior Counsel, Municipal Practice
Jones Day

Introduction: HARRY REDIGER
Mayor of Cape Girardeau, MO

Remarks: THE HONORABLE JASON SMITH
Co-Chair, Mississippi River Caucus
United States House of Representatives (MO)

Introduction: LIONEL JOHNSON, JR.
Mayor of St. Gabriel, LA

Keynote: THE HONORABLE GARRET GRAVES
Chairman, Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources & Env.
United States House of Representatives (LA)

March 2

MRCTI Leadership Breakfast

7:30am – 8:30am, Phoenix Park Hotel, Powers Court Room

Presiding: CHRIS COLEMAN, Mayor of St. Paul, MN, MRCTI Co-Chair
BELINDA CONSTANT, Mayor of Gretna, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Discussion: DON CLINE
Associate Director of Water
U.S. Geological Survey

Discussion: ALEXANDRA CAMPBELL-FERRARI
Executive Director
The Center for Water Security and Cooperation

Mayors Press Conference

9:00am – 9:30am, National Association of Realtors Building, 12th floor, 500 New Jersey Avenue, NW

Mayors will host a press conference to introduce their plan for restoring the built and natural infrastructure of the Mississippi River Corridor. The Press venue is located one block from the Phoenix Park Hotel.

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BELINDA CONSTANT, Mayor of Gretna, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

<i>Presenting:</i> Frank Klipsch Mayor, City of Davenport, IA	Paxton Branch Mayor, City of Tallulah, LA
Ted Sykes Chief Executive Officer American Queen Steamboat Company	David Simmons Senior Counsel Viking River Cruises
Jeremy Travis Operations Manager Tetra Tech	Dru Buntin Executive Director Upper Mississippi River Basin Association

11:00am – Adjourn

Hotel Information

Rooms are available at a reduced rate within the historic Phoenix Park Hotel (pictured below), 520 Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. Reservations can be made by calling 202-638-6900, ask for the block under *Mississippi River Cities & Towns*.