

The 6th Annual Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative
Organizational Meeting
September 12-14, 2017, St. Louis, MO



St. Louis 2017, The Water Around Us

Draft Agenda, Check www.mrcti.org frequently for Annual Meeting Agenda updates

Unless otherwise noted, all sessions and events are open to all mayors and other officially invited attendees.
Meeting services are located within the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch

September 12

Registration

10:00am – 6:00pm, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Pre-function Foyer, 4th floor

Welcome Reception & Opening Ceremony

Welcome Reception

5:00pm – 6:00pm, Old Courthouse Rotunda, 11 North 4th Street (across Chestnut Street from Hyatt)

Welcome to the new Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. Nearly completed and open to an exclusive first look for the Mayors and State Legislators of the Mississippi River, the welcome to St. Louis will feature *Mayors may gather in the main lobby of the Hyatt at 4:45pm to walk one half block to Courthouse*

Presiding: Chris Coleman, Mayor of St. Paul, MN, MRCTI Co-Chair
Belinda Constant, Mayor of Gretna, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Welcome: HON. LYDA KREWSON Mayor, City of St. Louis, MO
HON. EMIKA JACKSON-HICKS Mayor, City of East St. Louis, IL

Introduction: REPRESENTATIVE
National Caucus of Environmental Legislators

Presentation: REPRESENTATIVE
City Arch River

Opening Ceremony

6:00pm – 8:00pm, Western Entrance, Gateway Arch and Jefferson National Expansion Memorial

Join Mayors Lyda Krewson and Emika Jackson-Hicks as they open the 6th Annual Meeting of the Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative by celebrating the near-completion of the western entrance of the new

Gateway Arch and Jefferson National Expansion Memorial exhibit space with State Legislators and officials from the U.S. Department of Interior.

Tour: JEFFERSON NATIONAL EXPANSION MEMORIAL WESTERN ENTRY, MUSEUM SPACE
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

September 13

Registration

7:30am – 5:00pm, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Pre-function Foyer, 4th floor

Opening Breakfast: State 319 Water Pollution Control Plans and our Water Security, *Sponsored by HDR, Inc.*

8:30am – 9:50am, Four Seasons Hotel, 999 North 2nd Street, 8th Floor Mississippi River Viewing Deck

Presiding: Frank Klispch, Mayor of Davenport, IA
Jay Hollowell, Mayor of Helena – West Helena, AR

Greetings: KEVIN KELLER
Vice President
HDR Engineering, Inc.

Welcome: REPRESENTATIVE
National Caucus of Environmental Legislators

Presentation, DON CLINE
Announcement: Director, Water Programs
U.S. Geological Survey

Introduction: COLLEEN MEREDITH
Soil & Water Conservation Program, Director
Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Remarks: REPRESENTATIVE(S)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Remarks: REPRESENTATIVE
Natural Resource Conservation Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Break (10 min) – Refreshments provided

SESSION: INNOVATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE ATTRACTING INVESTMENT, MITIGATING IMPACTS

10:00am – 11:15am, Four Seasons Hotel, 999 North 2nd Street, 8th Floor Mississippi River Viewing Deck

Presiding: Chris Coleman, Mayor of St. Paul, MN, MRCTI Co-Chair
Lyda Krewson, Mayor of St. Louis, MO

Announcement: REPRESENTATIVE
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Department of Homeland Security

Update: REPRESENTATIVE
National Economic Council, The White House

Mayors' Press Conference

11:30am – 12:00pm, Four Seasons Hotel, 999 North 2nd Street, 8th Floor Mississippi River Viewing Deck
Mayor Coleman and Mayor Constant will convene a press conference to make a major announcement regarding the Mississippi River and its importance to the nation and the world.

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Opening Lunch Plenary, Project Investment Forum Part I, Sponsored by: Bryan Cave, Stifel Investments

12:15pm – 2:00pm, Offices of Bryan Cave, 211 North Broadway, #3600

Presiding: Jim Strickland, Mayor of Memphis, TN
Sharon Weston Broome, Mayor of Baton Rouge, LA

Welcome: ROBERT NEWMARK
Managing Partner, St. Louis
Bryan Cave

Introduction: ANTTI M. SUHONEN (invited)
Executive Director, Infrastructure Public Finance
Corporate & Investment Bank, J.P. Morgan

Presentation: HON. AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG
President, Andrew Young Foundation
Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, United States House of Representatives (GA), Mayor of Atlanta, GA

SESSION: PROJECT INVESTMENT FORUM PART II

2:15pm –3:30pm, Offices of Bryan Cave, 211 North Broadway, #3600

Presiding: Roy Buol, Mayor of Dubuque, IA, MRCTI Treasurer

Remarks: PETER CZAJKOWSKI
Director, Public Finance
Stifel Investments

Introduction: KATIE WALSH
Director, Investor Matchmaker Program
CDP

Signing of Agreement EMILY KREPS
Vice President, Investor Initiatives
CDP

2018 Mtg Preview HON. FRANK KLIPSCH Mayor, City of Davenport, IA
HON. ROBERT GALLAGHER Mayor, City of Bettendorf, IA
HON. REGGIE FREEMAN Mayor, City of East Moline, IA
HON. MICHAEL THOMS Mayor, City of Rock Island, IL
JOE TAYLOR
President & CEO
Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau

Host City Showcase & Dinner

Host City Reception Symphony Orchestra Performance Fireworks Spectacle Host City Dinner

Host City Reception

6:00pm – 6:45pm, Reception, Sculpture Hall, St. Louis Art Museum, 1 Fine Arts Drive

Join St. Louis Mayor Lyda Krewson for this celebration of the Middle Reaches of the Mississippi River Basin in one of the most storied and incredible architectural treasures along the waterway.

Buses will begin loading at main entrance of the Hyatt Regency at 5:00pm to transport mayors and meeting guests to the dinner venue. Buses will return guests to the Hyatt beginning at 8:00pm

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Lyda Krewson, Mayor of St. Louis, MO*

*Welcome: JOHN R. MUSGRAVE (invited)
President, Board of Commissioners
St. Louis Art Museum*

*Remarks: LESLEY HOFFARTH
President & Executive Director
Forest Park Forever*

St. Louis Symphony Performance and Fireworks Spectacle

7:00pm – 8:00pm, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra Performance & Fireworks Display, Art Hill, West Teardrop Lot
Mayor Lyda Krewson, the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, Forest Park Forever, and the St. Louis Art Museum are honored to invite the Mayors and guests of MRCTI for an engagement of “Performance in the Park” where attendees will be treated to a performance of the orchestra followed by a fireworks extravaganza over the waters of the Grand Basin.

Mayors and guests will be given exclusive seating for the event just outside the Art Museum at the top of Art Hill overlooking the Grand Basin

Host City Dinner

8:10pm – 9:30pm, Dinner, Sculpture Hall, St. Louis Art Museum, 1 Fine Arts Drive

Mayor Lyda Krewson will lead a showcase of a Mississippi River waterfront development project and highlight the achievements made to date to bring the waterway closer into the City’s experience and identity.

*Presentation: Susan Trautman
Chief Executive Officer
Great Rivers Greenway*

Recognition

Of the MRCTI COLIN WELLENKAMP

Exec Comm: Executive Director, MRCTI

Elections: MRCTI Co-CHAIRS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Remarks: NEWLY ELECTED MRCTI CO-CHAIRS

Nominations: MRCTI 2020 ANNUAL MEETING HOST CITY CANDIDATES

12:00pm – Adjourn



12:45pm – 4:00pm

MRCTI has teamed-up with St. Louis Freightway and the St. Louis Cardinals to provide 20 seats for mayors and their spouses in an exclusive suite to watch the Cardinals take-on the Cincinnati Reds. This is a first-come, first-serve opportunity. Please send an email to Colin Wellenkamp at cwellenkamp@mrcti.org to confirm your reservation. *Buses will depart the Hyatt at 12:30pm.*