

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



St. Louis 2017, The Water Around Us

Agenda

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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.
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September 12

Registration

10:00am – 6:00pm, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Main Lobby, 1st 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.

Mayors and guests may gather in the main lobby of the Hyatt at 4:45pm to walk one half-block to venue.

Presiding: Belinda Constant, Mayor of Gretna, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Welcome: HON. LYDA KREWSON
Mayor, City of St. Louis, MO

HON. EMEKA JACKSON-HICKS
Mayor, City of East St. Louis, IL

Introduction: THE HONORABLE JOHN HOWE
Former State Senator, MN (Dist. 28)
Mississippi River Legislative Caucus, NCEL

JANE KRENTZ
Former State Senator, MN (Dist. 51)
Mississippi River Legislative Caucus, NCEL

Remarks: THE HONORABLE PETER KINDER
Alternate Federal Co-Chair, Delta Regional Authority

Greetings: MICHAEL WARD
Superintendent
Jefferson National Expansion Memorial
National Park Service

TIMOTHY WILLIAMS
Deputy Director
Office of External Affairs
U.S. Department of Interior

Presentation: ERIC MORACZEWSKI
Executive Director, Gateway Arch Park Foundation

Opening Ceremony

6:00pm – 8:00pm, Western Entrance, Gateway Arch and Jefferson National Expansion Memorial
Join Mayors Belinda Constant, Lyda Krewson, and Emeka 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.

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, Main Lobby, 1st 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 Room

Buses will begin loading at the Hyatt Regency at 7:45am to transport mayors and guests to breakfast venue.

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

Welcome: THE HONORABLE JOHN HOWE
Former State Senator, Minnesota (Dist. 28)
Mississippi River Legislative Caucus, NCEL

Greetings: KEVIN KELLER
Vice President, HDR Engineering, Inc.

<i>Presentation,</i>	LEON CARL	BILL LELLIS
<i>Announcement:</i>	Regional Director, Midwest Region U.S. Geological Survey	Deputy Director, Ecosystems Mission Area U.S. Geological Survey

<i>Overview of</i>	JEFFERY ROBICHAUD	KEVIN WICKEY
<i>319 Grants:</i>	Director, Water Division, Region 7 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Regional Conservationist, Central Region Natural Resource Conservation Service, USDA

<i>State Plans:</i>	COLLEEN MEREDITH	STEVE HOPKINS
	Soil & Water Conservation Prog. Dir Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources	CPM, Nonpoint Source Coordinator Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources

BRAD SPICER
Environmental Scientist Manager
Business, Community Outreach, & Incentives Division
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

Mayors' Press Conference

10:00am – 10:30pm, Four Seasons Hotel, 999 North 2nd Street, 8th Floor Mississippi River Sky Terrace
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.

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

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

New Normal: HON. LIONEL JOHNSON
Mayor, City of St. Gabriel, LA

Remarks: 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

Signing: PAULA DIPERNA
Global Advisor, Environment & Finance, CDP North America
Former President, Joyce Foundation
Former President, Chicago Climate Exchange

SESSION: INNOVATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE ATTRACTING INVESTMENT, MITIGATING IMPACTS, supported in part by Spire, because energy inspires

10:30am – 11:45am, Four Seasons Hotel, 999 North 2nd Street, 8th Floor Mississippi Room

Moderating: Chris Coleman, Mayor of St. Paul, MN, MRCTI Co-Chair
Harry Rediger, Mayor of Cape Girardeau, MO

Update: JEREMY TRAVIS
National Operations Manager
Tetra Tech, Inc.
JOHN MIZERAK
Economic Development Prog. Manager
Tetra Tech, Inc.

DOT INFRA Grant: ANTHONY R. BEDELL
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation

FINCH FULTON
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Infra. Finance & Innovation
U.S. Department of Transportation
ROBERT MARINER
Deputy Director
Office of Infra. Finance & Innovation
U.S. Department of Transportation

Opening Lunch Plenary, Project Investment Forum Part I, Sponsored by: Thompson Coburn, LLP and Stifel Investments

12:15pm – 1:30pm, Offices of Thompson Coburn, 505 North 7th Street, 35th Floor

Presiding: Jim Strickland, Mayor of Memphis, TN
Lionel Johnson, Mayor of St. Gabriel, LA

Welcome: TOM MINOGUE
Managing Partner
Thompson Coburn, LLP

Introduction: ANTTI M. SUHONEN
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

2:00pm – 3:30pm, Peabody Opera House Grand Lobby, 1400 Market Street

Moderating: Sarah Strommen, Mayor of Ramey, MN
Darryl Grennell, Mayor of Natchez, MS

Greetings: MATTHEW DEWEY
General Manager, Peabody Opera House

Remarks: LAURA RADCLIFF
Managing Director, Stifel Investments

Introduction: KATIE WALSH
Senior Manager, Cities, CDP

<i>Presentation:</i> PAULA DIPERNA Global Advisor, Environment & Finance, CDP Former President, Joyce Foundation Former President, Chicago Climate Exchange	GLEN YELTON Vice President, Impact Investing Environmental, Social, Governance SNW Asset Management
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<i>2018 Mtg Preview</i> HON. FRANK KLIPSCH Mayor, City of Davenport, IA	HON. ROBERT GALLAGHER Mayor, City of Bettendorf, IA
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HON. REGGIE FREEMAN Mayor, City of East Moline, IL	HON. MICHAEL THOMS Mayor, City of Rock Island, IL
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JOE TAYLOR
President & CEO
Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau

Host City Showcase & Dinner

Host City Reception • Symphony Orchestra Performance Fireworks Spectacle • Host City Dinner

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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 guests to the dinner venue. Buses will return guests to the Hyatt beginning at 8:30pm.

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

Welcome: JOHN R. MUSGRAVE
President, Board of Commissioners
St. Louis Art Museum

Remarks: LESLEY HOFFARTH
President & Executive Director
Forest Park Forever

JOHN CRUICKSHANK
Counsel General to the United States
Consulate General of Canada

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 fireworks over the Grand Basin.

Mayors and guests will be given exclusive seating for the event just outside the Art Museum.

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.

Greetings: TOM MINOGUE
Managing Partner
Thompson Coburn, LLP

Presentation: Susan Trautman
Chief Executive Officer
Great Rivers Greenway

Recognition
Of the MRCTI COLIN WELLENKAMP
Exec Comm: Executive Director, MRCTI

September 14

Registration

7:30am – 10:30am, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Main Lobby, 1st floor

Corporate Advisory Board Breakfast: Commodities – Engine of the River Economy, Sponsored by: Lewis Rice

8:30am – 10:10am, Offices of Lewis Rice, 600 Washington Avenue, #2500

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Presiding: Tim Kabat, Mayor of La Crosse, WI

Greetings: JOHN HESSEL
Partner, Lewis Rice

Welcome: PAUL WELLHAUSEN
Senior Vice President, SCF Marine, Chair of MRCTI CAB

Remarks: JEREMY EMMI
Managing Director
National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition
Incoming MRCTI CAB Chair

GREG FOGEL
Policy Director
National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition
Incoming MRCTI CAB Chair

Remarks: MANUEL GOMEZ
National Watershed & River Basin Councils Manager
CONAGUA, Mexico National Commission of Water

Seating: New Members of MRCTI Corporate Advisory Board
JEREMY TRAVIS, National Operations Manager, Tetra Tech, Inc.
TED SYKES, President & COO, American Queen Steamboat Company

Announcing: NEW MRCTI CAB VICE CHAIR

MRCTI Business Meeting

10:15am – 11:45am, Offices of Lewis Rice, 600 Washington Avenue, #2500

Mayors will meet in an open-door session. Co-Chair positions within MRCTI and on the Executive Committee will be selected during this session. Mayors interested in hosting an annual meeting may also officially list their city as a candidate for the 2020.

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

Update: HON. JO ANNE SMILEY
Mayor, City of Clarksville, MO

HON. ROY BUOL
Mayor, City of Dubuque, IA

Overview: MAJOR RACHEL HONDERD
Deputy District Commander
Rock Island District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

SCOTT WHITNEY
Regional Flood Risk Manager, MVD
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Presentation: ROBERT STOUT
Missouri Board Member
Upper Mississippi River Basin Association

KIRSTEN MICKELSEN
Executive Director
Upper Mississippi River Basin Association

Update: ELIZABETH OSSOWSKI
National Integrated Drought Information System, NOAA
U.S. Department of Commerce

Greetings: MARY C. LAMIE
Executive Director
St. Louis Regional Freightway

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.*