

THE 8TH MISSISSIPPI RIVER CITIES & TOWNS INITIATIVE

Capitol Meeting
March 3 – 5, 2020 Washington, DC

Agenda

Unless otherwise noted, all sessions and events are open to all mayors and other officially invited attendees. Guest accommodations and meeting services are located in the Washington Court Hotel unless otherwise stated.



MRCTI Capitol Meeting Partners



March 3

Conversation and Dinner with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Co-Hosted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Sponsored by the Carnegie Institution for Science

6:00pm – 9:00pm, Carnegie Institution for Science, 16th and P Streets, NW, Washington, DC

Mayors may gather in the Washington Court lobby at 5:15pm to board buses to the dinner venue. Registration materials will be available at the dinner.

Hosted under the elegant and grand Carnegie Institution for Science Rotunda, Mayors will be joined by leadership from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a conversation with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce on making our infrastructure and economy more resilient.

6:00pm – 6:30pm, Reception Welcoming Guests to the Carnegie Institution, Rotunda and Main Ballroom

Presiding: SHARON WESTON BROOME, Mayor of Baton Rouge, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair
BOB GALLAGHER, Mayor of Bettendorf, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Welcome: MICHELLE STROBEL
Manager of Strategic Development Events
Carnegie Institution for Science

Remarks: THE HONORABLE GARRET GRAVES
Ranking Member, Transportation & Infrastructure
Subcommittee on Aviation, Water Resources & Environment
U.S. House of Representatives (LA)

6:30pm – 9:00pm, Dinner with the U.S. Army Corps and U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Carnegie Main Ballroom

Presiding: GEORGE FLAGGS, Mayor of Vicksburg, MS

Introduction: HON. PHIL STANG
Mayor of Kimmswick, MO

Greetings: AMOS SMITH
Chairman, Finance Committee
US Heartland China Association

CHUCK CHAITOVITZ
VP, Environmental Affairs & Sustainability
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Keynote: THOMAS J. DONOHUE
Chief Executive Officer
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

2020 Flood Season: COLONEL TERRY EBBERT
Director of Public Safety
City of New Orleans, LA

Discussion: THE HONORABLE RYAN A. FISHER
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
United States Army (Civil)

MAJOR GENERAL SCOTT A. SPELLMON (invited)
Deputy Commanding General for Civil Ops
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

THE HONORABLE NORMA JEAN MATTEI, PH.D.
Civilian Member
Mississippi River Commission

REAR ADMIRAL SHEPARD SMITH
Member, NOAA Office of Coastal Survey
Mississippi River Commission

COLONEL ROBERT HILLIARD
Deputy Commander
Mississippi Valley Division

COLONEL STEVEN SATTINGER
Commander, Rock Island District
Mississippi Valley Division

March 4

Breakfast: The Future of our Cities in Partnership with the American Society of Civil Engineers and Sponsored by Bernhard Capital Partners and McDermott Will & Emery LLP

8:00am – 9:30am, McDermott Building, Main Conference Room, 500 North Capitol St, NW

Mayors will be escorted at 7:30am from the Washington Court Hotel to the breakfast venue one block east.

Join Mayors, members of the Mississippi River Caucus, and the ASCE to forge a new agenda of cooperation and collaboration on addressing the compromised state of our infrastructure.

Presiding: BELINDA CONSTANT, Mayor of Gretna, LA

Welcome: JAMES W. KIM Partner McDermott Will & Emery LLP
JEFF BAUDIER Managing Director Bernhard Capital Partners

Keynote: ROBIN KEMPER 2019 President American Society of Civil Engineers

Introduction: HON. RICK EBERLIN Mayor of Grafton, IL
HON. ROBERT EASTERN III Mayor of East St. Louis, IL

Remarks: THE HONORABLE RODNEY DAVIS Ranking Member, Highways & Transit Transportation & Infrastructure Committee U.S. House of Representatives (IL)

New Collaboration: KELLIS MOSS Director, Public Policy Ducks Unlimited

Concurrent House and Senate Meetings (Mayors and city staff only)

10:00am – 11:45am, House & Senate Offices, Capitol Hill

Mayors will be escorted from the breakfast venue to the offices for these bilateral meetings.

OFFICE OF HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM (2256 RHOB, 10:15am)
Chairman, House Appropriations Subcommittee
Interior, Environment & Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives (MN)
Moderating: Sean Dowse, Mayor of Red Wing, MN

THE HONORABLE ROY BLUNT (260 RSOB, 11:20am)
Majority Senior Co-Chair
Mississippi River Caucus
Unites States Senate (MO)
Moderating: Phil Stang, Mayor of Kimmswick, MO

THE HONORABLE RICK CRAWFORD (2422 RHOB, 11:00am)
Member, Ag Subcommittee on General Farm
Commodities & Risk Management
U.S. House of Representatives (AR)
Moderating: Kevin Smith, Mayor of Helena, AR

THE HONORABLE JONI ERNST (111 RSOB, 11:30am)
Chairman, Agriculture Subcommittee on
Rural Development & Energy
Unites States Senate (IA)
Moderating: Bob Gallagher, Mayor of Bettendorf, IA

Capitol Hill Lunch: Funding Recovery and Resilience to Protect the Global Commodity Supply Chain

12:15pm – 1:30pm, Reserve Officers Association, Minuteman Ballroom, 5th floor, 1 Constitution Ave, NE

Mayors will be escorted from Capitol Hill to the lunch venue.

Presiding: KEVIN SMITH, Mayor of Helena-West Helena, AR
RICK EBERLIN, Mayor of Grafton, IL

Remarks: THE HONORABLE COLLIN C. PETERSON
Chairman, Agriculture Committee
U.S. House of Representatives (MN)

Announcement: HON. ROY BUOL
Mayor, City of Dubuque, IA
HON. SHARON WESTON BROOME
Mayor, City of Baton Rouge, LA

Remarks: THE HONORABLE DAVE LOEBSACK
U.S. House of Representatives
2nd District of Iowa

Keynote: BILL GORDON
President
American Soybean Association

Update: [Disaster Prediction & Assessment Portal](#)
SCOTT MORLOCK
Deputy Regional Director
U.S. Geological Survey
U.S. Department of Interior

Disaster Recovery Roundtable: Economic Dev. Administration, Dept. of Housing & Urban Dev.

1:45pm – 4:00pm, Reserve Officers Association, Minuteman Ballroom, 5th floor, 1 Constitution Ave, NE

Mayors will join leaders in the Economic Development Administration to discuss how the agency can provide resources to Mississippi River Cities for damage incurred from the 2019 floods

Presiding: BUZ CRAFT, Mayor of Vidalia, LA
ERRICK SIMMONS, Mayor of Greenville, MS

Remarks: THE HONORABLE BILL CASSIDY
Chairman, Senate Finance Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility & Economic Growth
United States Senate (LA)

Presentation: DENNIS ALVORD
Deputy Assistant Secretary/Chief Operating Officer
Economic Development Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce

Presentation: JANET GOLRICK
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Office Block Grant Programs
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

House Leadership Meeting (Mayors and city staff only)

4:30pm – 5:15pm, Office of the Minority Whip, H-328, United States Capital

Presiding: SHARON WESTON BROOME, Mayor of Baton Rouge, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair
BELINDA CONSTANT, Mayor of Gretna, LA

Discussion: THE HONORABLE STEVE SCALISE
Minority Whip
U.S. House of Representatives (LA)

Congressional Reception & Dinner

6:00pm – 6:30pm, Opening Reception, Army Navy Club, 901 17th Street, NW, Main Foyer

Mayors may gather in the Washington Court lobby at 5:30pm to board buses for the Dinner venue.

Join Baton Rouge Mayor Sharon Weston Broome, Bettendorf Mayor Bob Gallagher, and members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives for a reception and dinner for the Mississippi River Caucus.

Presiding: SHARON WESTON BROOME, Mayor of Baton Rouge, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair
BOB GALLAGHER, Mayor of Bettendorf, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Remarks: CEDRIC RICHMOND
Chairman, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, & Innovation
Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives (LA)

6:30pm – 8:30pm, Dinner, Army Navy Club, 901 17th Street, NW, Main Dining Room

Mayors will welcome a new House Co-Chair of the Mississippi River Caucus and unveil their Policy Platform.

Presiding: SHARON WESTON BROOME, Mayor of Baton Rouge, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair
BOB GALLAGHER, Mayor of Bettendorf, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Induction: HON. SEAN DOWSE
Mayor of Red Wing, MN

Keynote: THE HONORABLE ANGIE CRAIG
Member, Agriculture Committee
U.S. House of Representatives (MN)

Update: MRCTI’s Global Role and Importance

HON. BELINDA CONSTANT
Mayor of Gretna, LA

SALVADOR RICO
Global Lead for Rivers, Rotary International

2020 Annual Mtg Preview: HON. RITA ALBRECHT
Mayor of Bemidji, MN
Host, MRCTI 2020 Annual Meeting

MARVIN HILDEBRAND
Minister (Economic Affairs)
Embassy of Canada

THE HONORABLE SARAH STROMMEN
Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

March 5

Recovery, Resilience and the New Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program

8:30am – 10:30am, U.S. Capital, Mansfield Room, Senate Side, S-207

Mayors may gather in the Washington Court lobby at 7:30am to board buses for the Capital.

Presiding: PHIL STANG, Mayor of Kimmswick, MO
TIM KABAT, Mayor of La Crosse, WI

Introduction: HON. MICHAEL BAWDEN
Mayor of Riverdale, IA

Keynote: THE HONORABLE CHUCK GRASSLEY
Chairman, Senate Committee on Finance
United States Senate (IA)

Update: ROD SNYDER
President
Field to Market

Presentation: THE HONORABLE ERIC LETVIN
Deputy Assistant Administrator, Mitigation
Federal Emergency Management Agency

Mayors' Press Conference

11:00am – 11:30am, Washington Court Hotel Executive Room, Lower Level, 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW

Mayors will host a press conference to unveil their 2020 Federal Policy Platform as well as to announce

Presiding: SHARON WESTON BROOME, Mayor of Baton Rouge, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair
BOB GALLAGHER, Mayor of Bettendorf, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Presentation: Economic Impact Analysis of the 2019 Historic Floods and outlook for 2020

Announcement: Winners of the MRCTI – Quantified Ventures Environmental Impact Bond Challenge

ERIC LETSINGER Founder & CEO Quantified Ventures	HON. LATOYA CANTRELL Mayor of New Orleans EIB Grant Awardee	ROBERT KNECHT Memphis Dir. of Public Works EIB Grant Awardee
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12:00pm – Adjourn

Hotel Information

Rooms are available at a reduced rate within the elegant Washington Court Hotel (pictured below), 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001. Reservations can be made by calling 202-628-2100, ask for the block under *Mississippi River Cities & Towns*.

