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
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

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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

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           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  HON. LATOYA CANTRELL  ROBERT KNECHT
Founder & CEO  Mayor of New Orleans  Memphis Dir. of Public Works
Quantified Ventures  EIB Grant Awardee  EIB Grant Awardee

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*. 