

MRCTI

The 9th Mississippi River Cities & Towns
Virtual Capitol Meeting March 2-4, 2021 Washington, DC



Agenda

Unless otherwise noted, all sessions and events are open to all mayors and other officially invited participants. The MRCTI 2021 Capitol Meeting is virtual. Speakers and Participants are issued digital credentials for sign-on.

MRCTI Capitol Meeting Partners



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March 2 [All times are central]

Matinee Discussion with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

4:00pm – 6:00pm, *Revolutionize UACE* is a new Corps effort to update the way USACE conducts business by accelerating project delivery, enhancing operation and maintenance of the nation's infrastructure, and collaborating with partners to solve the nation's toughest challenges.

4:00pm – 5:00pm, Welcoming of Mayors and Guests, Opening of the MRCTI Capitol Meeting

*Presiding: Sharon Weston Broome, Mayor of Baton Rouge, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair
Bob Gallagher, Mayor of Bettendorf, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair*

*Moderating: HON. GEORGE FLAGGS
Mayor of Vicksburg, MS
MRCTI Mississippi Chair*

Remarks: CAITLIN DURKOVICH
Senior Director, Resilience & Response
National Security Council, The White House

Welcome: COL. JEREMY CHAPMAN
Deputy Commander
Mississippi Valley Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

5:00pm – 6:00pm, Dialogue on Revolutionize USACE

Presentation: ALVIN B. LEE
Director of Civil Works
Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

March 3 [All times are central]

Session I: UNVEILING OF THE MRCTI 2021 FEDERAL POLICY PLATFORM

10:00am – 10:30pm, Making the Mississippi River Corridor Part of the Climate and Recovery Agendas

Presiding: Sharon Weston Broome, Mayor of Baton Rouge, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair
Bob Gallagher, Mayor of Bettendorf, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Introduction: HON. BELINDA CONSTANT
Mayor of Gretna, LA
MRCTI Louisiana Chair

Keynote: HON. CEDRIC RICHMOND
Director, Office of Public Engagement
Special Assistant to the President
The White House

10:30am – 11:00am, Implementing the Resilience Revolving Loan Fund Discussion with FEMA

Moderating: HON. LIONEL JOHNSON
Mayor of St. Gabriel, LA
Immediate Past Co-Chair of MRCTI

Discussion: ERIC LETVIN
Deputy Assistant Administrator, Mitigation
FEMA

11:00am – 11:30am, Federal Transportation and Infrastructure Discussion

Introduction: HON. CORNELL DUKES
Mayor of New Roads, LA

Remarks: HON. GARRET GRAVES
House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives (LA)

11:30am – 12:00pm, Recovering the Tourism Industry Post-Pandemic

Moderating: HON. TIM KABAT
Mayor of La Crosse, WI
MRCTI Wisconsin Chair

Presentation: SHELLY HARTFIELD
Dir., Port Services & Operations
American Queen Steamboat Company
MRCTI Corporate Advisory Board Chair

HON. FRANK KLIPSCH
Dir., City Partnerships & Special Proj.
American Cruise Lines
MRCTI Immediate Past Co-Chair

12:00pm – 1:00pm, **BREAK** – The Zoom Conference will close until 1:00pm then reopen for sign-on.

Session II: ADVANCING CLEAN WATER AND CLIMATE MITIGATION INNOVATION IN OUR CORRIDOR

1:15pm – 2:00pm, Launch of MRCTI Plastic Pollution Initiative with UN, Nat. Geo., University of Georgia

Presiding: Sharon Weston Broome, Mayor of Baton Rouge, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair
Bob Gallagher, Mayor of Bettendorf, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Moderating: JENNIFER WENDT
Director, Plastic Waste Reduction Campaign
MRCTI

TERESA LEONARDO
Dir, Citizen Science & Special Proj.
National Geographic Society

Presentation: BARBARA HENDRIE
Director, North America
United Nations Environment Prog.

PROF. JENNA JAMBECK, PhD
National Geographic Fellow
University of GA, Materials Institute

Remarks: HON. MELVIN CARTER
Mayor of St. Paul, MN
MRCTI Minnesota Chair

HON. LYDA KREWSON
Mayor of St. Louis, MO

HON. SHARON WESTON BROOME
Mayor of Baton Rouge, LA
MRCTI Co-Chair

2:00pm – 3:00pm, MRCTI Federal Policy Platform and Climate Performance Discussion with Senate Leadership

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

Remarks: HON. RICHARD DURBIN
Majority Whip
United States Senate (IL)

Introduction: HON. RICK EBERLIN
Mayor of Grafton, IL
MRCTI Illinois Chair

Remarks: HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH
Chair, Environment & Public Works Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, & Wildlife
United States Senate (IL)

3:00pm – 4:00pm, Discussion with Mississippi River Caucus Senate Co-Chairs

Introduction: HON. MELVIN CARTER
Mayor of St. Paul, MN
MRCTI Minnesota Chair

HON. JACOB FREY
Mayor of Minneapolis, MN

Remarks: HON. AMY KLOBUCHAR
Mississippi River Caucus Co-Chair
United States Senate (MN)

Introduction: HON. PHIL STANG
Mayor of Kimmswick, MO
MRCTI Missouri Chair

Remarks: HON. ROY BLUNT
Co-Chair, Mississippi River Caucus
United States Senate (MO)

4:00pm – 4:30pm, Mayors' Role in U.S. Climate Policy Development and Implementation

Introduction: HON. SHARON WESTON BROOME
Mayor of Baton Rouge, LA
MRCTI Co-Chair

HON. JIM STRICKLAND
Mayor of Memphis, TN
MRCTI Tennessee Chair

Overview: MARK CHAMBERS
Senior Director
White House Office of Domestic Climate Policy

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MAYORS' PRESS CONFERENCE

10:00am – 10:30am, Mayors will conduct a virtual session with members of the media on the release of the MRCTI 2021 Federal Policy Platform and major announcements from the Capitol Meeting

Presiding: Sharon Weston Broome, Mayor of Baton Rouge, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair
Bob Gallagher, Mayor of Bettendorf, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Pandemic Relief: HON. KEVIN SMITH
Mayor of Helena-West Helena, AR
MRCTI Arkansas Chair

2021 Agenda: HON. MELVIN CARTER
Mayor of St. Paul, MN
MRCTI Minnesota Chair

Announcement: HON. JIM STRICKLAND
Mayor of Memphis, TN
MRCTI Tennessee Chair

Session III: MAYORS' NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:30am – 11:15am, Kick-off of the Nation's Current Largest Natural Infrastructure Disaster Capacity Study

Moderating: HON. THOMAS SIMPSON
Mayor of Cairo, IL

Overview: ADITYA RANADE
Managing Partner
Two Degrees Adapt

MATTHIJS BOUW
Founder
One Architecture

Partnership: GARY KAY
Director, Government Relations
Cargill

LAURA ADAMS
Green Infrastructure Practice Lead
Black & Veatch

11:15am – 12:00pm, Signing of Memorandum of Common Purpose Between MRCTI and Ducks Unlimited

Presiding: Sharon Weston Broome, Mayor of Baton Rouge, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair
Bob Gallagher, Mayor of Bettendorf, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Welcome: HON. JIM STRICKLAND
Mayor, City of Memphis
MRCTI Tennessee State Chair

Presentation: ADAM PUTNAM
Chief Executive Officer
Ducks Unlimited

Signing: After more than a year in development, MRCTI and Ducks Unlimited will formally enter into a Memorandum of Common Purpose to deploy critical natural infrastructure assets for the co-benefits of habitat, disaster resilience, and climate mitigation.