



Final Agenda

Unless otherwise noted, all sessions and events are open to all mayors and other officially invited guests. Accommodations and meeting services are located in the Hilton Washington, DC Capitol Hill.

March 1

Congressional Reception & Dinner, Sponsored by: FedEx

6:00pm – 6:30pm, Opening Reception, The Conrad Washington, DC, 950 New York Ave NW

Mayors may gather in the Hilton Capitol Hill lobby at 5:30pm to board buses for the dinner venue.

Join Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland, Greenville Mayor Errick Simmons, and members of the U.S. Senate for a reception and dinner for the Mississippi River Caucus.

Presiding: Jim Strickland, Mayor of Memphis, TN, MRCTI Co-Chair
Errick Simmons, Mayor of Greenville, MS, MRCTI Co-Chair

Greeting: DUPLÉ TRAVILLION Sr. State and Local Government Affairs Rep. Federal Express
HON. MELISA LOGAN Mayor of Blytheville, AR

Remarks: THE HONORABLE JOHN BOOZMAN
Ranking Member, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry
Incoming Mississippi River Caucus Co-Chair
United States Senate (AR)

6:30pm – 8:30pm, Dinner, The Conrad Washington, DC, 950 New York Ave NW

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

Presiding: Jim Strickland, Mayor of Memphis, TN, MRCTI Co-Chair
Errick Simmons, Mayor of Greenville, MS, MRCTI Co-Chair

Unveiling: MRCTI 2023 Federal Legislative Platform

Introduction: HON. DAVE KLEIS
Mayor of St. Cloud, MN

Keynote: THE HONORABLE AMY KLOBUCHAR
Mississippi River Caucus Co-Chair
United States Senate (MN)

Presentation: SARAH DAWN PETRIN
Senior Director
Center for Disaster Philanthropy

2023 Annual Mtg
Preview: HON. JORGE PRINCE
Mayor of Bemidji, MN
Host, MRCTI 2023 Annual Meeting

COLIN MCLEOD
Consul, Foreign Policy & Diplomacy
Consulate General of Canada in
Minneapolis, MN

March 2

Opening Plenary Breakfast: 2023 Farm Bill

8:00am – 9:30am, Charlie Palmers Main Dinning Room, 101 Constitution Avenue, NW

Buses will depart at 7:45am from the Hilton Capitol Hill to the breakfast venue close-by. Join Mayors, commodity groups, USDA, and the Sustainable Agriculture Coalition for a panel discussion on the next Farm Bill and its implications for our cities.

Presiding: Scott Maddason, Mayor of Clinton, IA, MRCTI Iowa State Chair

Opening Remarks: HON. JONI ERNST
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry
United States Senate, (IA)

Introduction: HON. DAN GIBSON
Mayor of Natchez, M

Remarks: HON. LOUIS ASPEY
Associate Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Presentation: MIKE LAVENDER
Policy Director
Nat. Sustainable Ag Coalition

ANDREW WALMSLEY
Senior Director, Government Affairs
American Farm Bureau Federation

SESSION: U.S. Department of Transportation Infrastructure Act Roundtable

10:00am – 11:30am, U.S. Department of Transportation Headquarters, 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE

Mayors and guests will engage a high-level U.S. DOT Roundtable regarding accessing some of the most valuable Bipartisan Infrastructure Act programs for MRCTI Cities.

Moderating: Cliff Berry, Mayor of Tiptonville, TN, MRCTI Tennessee State Chair

Welcome: CHARLES SMALL
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Government Affairs, Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation

Roundtable: KALA WRIGHT
Director of External Affairs
Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration

SABRINA MCNEAL
Office of Government Affairs
Federal Railroad Admin.

TRETHA CHROMEY
Deputy Associate Administrator, Office Ports & Waterways
Maritime Administration

Plenary Lunch: Resilience and Adaptation Spending, *Sponsored by: Arnold & Porter*

12:00pm – 1:45pm, Arnold & Porter Offices, 601 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

Mayors and guests will be treated to Arnold & Porter’s incredible space near mid-town Washington, DC overlooking the convention center.

Presiding: Theron Smith, Mayor of New Roads, LA

<i>Welcome:</i>	JAMES KIM Partner Arnold & Porter	HON. RON KIND Special Advisor Arnold & Porter
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Keynote: DR. CORY WIGGINS
Federal Co-Chair
Delta Regional Authority

Introduction: JENNY WENDT
Campaign Manager, Plastic Pollution Reduction
Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative

Update: NENA SHAW
Director, Resource Conservation & Sustainability Division
U.S. EPA Office of Resource Conservation & Recovery

SESSION: Infrastructure and Progress of the Jobs Act and IRA

2:00pm – 4:00pm, Arnold & Porter Offices, 601 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

Mayors will join organizations tracking vital categories of spending in the Jobs Act and Inflation Reduction for a discussion on best techniques to position cities for funding.

Moderating: Brad Cavanagh, Mayor of Dubuque, IA

<i>Infrastructure</i>	DEIRDRE FINN	VINCE HALL
<i>Panel:</i>	Executive Director Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities	Chief Gov. Rel. Officer Feeding America

ANGIE KRONENBERG
President
Internet & Competitive Networks Association (INCOMPAS)

Conversation and Dinner with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

6:00pm – 9:00pm, Atrium Ballroom, Hilton Capitol Hill, 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW

Mayors will be joined by leadership from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Army for this annual but critical discussion on the status of Corps work along America's Main Street.

6:00pm – 6:30pm, Reception Welcoming Guests

Presiding: Phil Stang, Mayor of Kimmswick, MO, MRCTI Missouri State Chair

Partnership: EDWARD BELK
Director of Civil Works
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters

6:30pm – 9:00pm, Dinner with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Presiding: George Flaggs, Mayor of Vicksburg, MS, MRCTI Mississippi State Chair

Update: HON. DAVID MAURSTAD
Associate Administrator of Resilience
Federal Emergency Management Agency

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

Announcement: SASKIA PARDAANS
Senior Advisor on Infrastructure and Water Management
Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Keynote: MR. JAIME PINKHAM
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)
U.S. Army

March 3

Closing Breakfast: Working with the U.S. EPA to Tap the Jobs Act, Inflation Reduction Act

Sponsored by: The US Chamber of Commerce

8:00am – 9:30am, US Chamber of Commerce, Lee Anderson Veterans Center, 1615 H St., NW

MRCTI and the US Chamber host a breakfast with the Department of the Interior and U.S. EPA on land, water, and equity in the Jobs Act. Mayors and guests may gather in the lobby of the Hilton Capitol Hill to board buses for the breakfast venue at 7:15am.

Presiding: Sharon Weston Broome, Mayor of Baton Rouge, LA
David Goins, Mayor of Alton, IL

Welcome: PETER FADOUL
Manager, Sustainability & Circular Economy Program
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Update: DANNA JACKSON
General Counsel
U.S. Department of Interior

Presentation: MARIANNE ENGELMAN-LADO
Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator
Office of Environmental Justice & External Civil Rights
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Discussion: BRUNO PIGOTT
Deputy Assistant Administrator
U.S. EPA Office of Water

Mayors' Visit to the White House (Mayors and city staff only)

10:30am – 12:00pm, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

This high-level engagement hosted by the White House is an opportunity for MRCTI Mayors to directly discuss the IRA with the principal architects of its implementation.

Presiding: *Jim Strickland, Mayor of Memphis, TN, MRCTI Co-Chair*
Errick Simmons, Mayor of Greenville, MS, MRCTI Co-Chair

<i>Introduction:</i>	HON. EVAN WESSEL Special Assistant to the President Office of Intergovernmental Affairs The White House	JULIE RODRIGUEZ Assistant to the President Director of IGA The White House
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Remarks: HON. JOHN PODESTA
Deputy Chief of Staff and Special Advisor to the President on IRA Implementation
The White House

<i>Presentation:</i>	CRYSTAL BERGEMANN Senior Director, Council on Env. Quality The White House	HON. ALI ZAIDI National Climate Advisor The White House
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12:00pm – Adjourn

HOTEL INFORMATION

Rooms are available at a reduced rate within the currently being updated Hilton Washington, DC Capitol Hill (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*.

