

# THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER CITIES & TOWNS INITIATIVE

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## Capitol Meeting

### Agenda

March 24-26, 2014, Washington, DC

Unless otherwise noted, all sessions and events are open to all mayors and other officially invited attendees.  
Official functions and meeting services are mobile throughout this meeting.

#### March 24

##### **Dinner with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, *Sponsored by McVean Trading & Harahan Bridge Project***

*(Mayors may gather in the hotel lobby at 6:20pm to walk one block to dinner venue. Registration materials will be available at the dinner.)*

6:30pm – 8:00pm, National Association of Realtors Building, 500 New Jersey Avenue, NW

Mayors will be joined by leadership from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a sit-down dinner to discuss current challenges facing the Mississippi River as well as possible solutions.

*Presiding:* George Flaggs, Mayor of Vicksburg, MS  
AC Wharton, Mayor of Memphis, TN  
Roy Buol, Mayor of Dubuque, IA

*Presentation:* Greg Maxted, Director, Harahan Bridge Project

*Discussion:* BRIGADIER GENERAL DUKE DELUCA  
Commander, Mississippi Valley Division  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

HON. JO-ELLEN DARCY  
Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

#### March 25

##### **Breakfast with the 1 Mississippi River Network Policy Committee**

*(Mayors will meet in the Phoenix Park Lobby at 7:45am and walk 2 blocks to breakfast venue.)*

8:00am – 9:00am, Thornton Room, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hyatt Regency Washington, DC on Capitol Hill

*Presiding:* Tom Thompson, Mayor of Grafton, IL

*Welcome:* Eileen Fretz, MRN Policy Committee Chair  
Claudia Emken, MRN Policy Manager

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

10:00am – 12:00pm, House & Senate Offices, Capitol Hill

Prep-Session (9:30am, Yosemite Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

*Leading: Colin Wellenkamp, MRCTI*

HON. LAMAR ALEXANDER (10:45am, Dirksen 455)

Appropriations Committee

United States Senate (TN)

*Presiding: AC Wharton, Mayor of Memphis, TN*

HON. CLAIRE McCASKILL (11:30AM HART 506)

Homeland Security & Gov. Affairs Committee

United States Senate (MO)

*Presiding: Jo Anne Smiley, Mayor of Clarksville, MO*

Prep-Session (9:30am, Yosemite Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

*Leading: Samuel Breene, NEMW Coalition*

Hon. BETTY McCOLLUM (10:45AM, 1714 LHOB)

Appropriations Committee

U.S. House of Representatives (MN)

*Presiding: David Kleis, Mayor of St. Cloud, MN*

HON. BENNIE THOMPSON (11:00AM, 2466 RHOB)

Ranking Member, Homeland Security Committee

U.S. House of Representatives (MS)

*Presiding: Larry Brown, Mayor of Natchez, MS*

**Capitol Hill Lunch** (Mayors and city staff only)

12:15pm – 1:30pm, Capitol Room S-115

*Presiding: Hiram Copeland, Mayor of Vidalia, LA; Dickie Kennemore, Mayor of Osceola, AR*

*Remarks:* HON. MARY LANDRIEU  
United States Senate (LA)

Hon. RICK CRAWFORD  
Mississippi River Caucus Co-Chair  
U.S. House of Representatives (AR)

**White House Meeting** (Mayors and city staff only)

*(Mayors may board the Bus immediately following the Capitol Hill Lunch to be taken to the White House.)*

2:30pm – 4:00pm, White House, Executive Office Building, 17<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance

*Presiding: AC Wharton, Mayor of Memphis  
Roy Buol, Mayor of Dubuque, IA  
Francis Slay, Mayor of St. Louis, MO*

*Welcome:* White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

*Discussion:* Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience  
Jay Jensen, Associate Director for Land and Water Ecosystems, CEQ  
White House Rural Council  
Doug McKalip, Senior Policy Advisor for Rural Affairs, White House  
President's Export Council (invited)  
Michael Masserman, Exec. Dir. of Export Policy, Promotion, & Strategy, DOC

**Break** (Return to Hotel)

4:30pm – 5:30pm, Phoenix Park Hotel, 520 North Capitol Street, NW

**Congressional Reception and Dinner, *Sponsored by the Waterways Council***

*(Buses begin loading at 5:30pm in front of the Phoenix Park Hotel.)*

6:00pm – 6:30pm, Welcome Reception, 1 Constitution Avenue, NE, Minuteman Ballroom

Join Memphis Mayor AC Wharton, Dubuque Mayor Roy Buol, and members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives from along the Mississippi River for a celebration marking the first anniversary of the Initiative and the Caucus working together for the waterway.

*Welcome:* AC Wharton, Mayor of Memphis, TN

*Greetings:* Paul Rhode, Vice President, Waterways Council  
Dan Mecklenborg, Senior Vice President, Ingram Barge Company

*Address:* Jo Anne Smiley, Mayor of Clarksville, MO  
Francis Slay, Mayor of St. Louis, MO

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

*Introduction:* Mark Huber, Mayor of Prescott, WI  
Tim Kabat, Mayor of La Crosse, WI

*Update:* HON. RON KIND  
Mississippi River Caucus Co-Chair  
U.S. House of Representatives (WI)

*Annual Mtg:* Hiram Copeland, Mayor of Vidalia, LA

6:30pm – 8:00pm, Dinner, 1 Constitution Avenue, NE, Minuteman Ballroom

*Presiding:* Roy Buol, Mayor of Dubuque, IA

*Update:* Hon. TOM HARKIN (invited)  
Mississippi River Caucus Co-Chair  
United States Senate (IA)

*Recognition:* Tom Thompson, Mayor of Grafton, IL

HON. WILLIAM ENYART  
U.S. House of Representatives (IL)

HON. RODNEY DAVIS  
U.S. House of Representatives (IL)

*Recognition:* AC Wharton, Mayor of Memphis, TN

HON. STEVE COHEN  
U.S. House of Representatives (TN)

*Recognition:* John Cox, Mayor of Greenville, MS

HON. ROGER WICKER  
United States Senate (MS)

March 26

**Breakfast**

8:00am – 9:00am, Powers Court Room, Phoenix Park Hotel

*Presiding: Roy Buol, Mayor of Dubuque, IA*

*Presentation: Tom Thompson, Mayor of Grafton, IL*

*Gray Magee, CEO, American Heartland Fish Products, LLC*

**MRCTI Inter-Agency Roundtable**

9:30am – 11:00am, EPA Headquarters Building North, 12<sup>th</sup> Street Federal Triangle Entrance, Green Room  
Mayors will hold an inter-agency meeting involving EPA, USDA, DOT, and FEMA to discuss issues facing the Mississippi River in regards to disaster preparedness, trade, and conservation.

*Presiding: Dave Kleis, Mayor of St. Cloud, MN;*

*Welcome: Ellen Gilinsky, Senior Policy Advisor for Office of Water, U.S. EPA*

*Discussion: Nutrient Trading on the Mississippi River, Mark Vulich, Mayor of Clinton, IA  
U.S. EPA Gulf Hypoxia Task Force*

*National Drought Council, Roy Buol, Mayor of Dubuque, IA  
Ann Mills, Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Env., USDA*

*Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants, Hiram Copeland, Mayor of Vidalia, LA  
Cecelia Rosenberg, Chief, Grants Policy Branch, Insurance & Mitigation Admin.  
James Walke, P.E., Director, Risk Reduction Division, Insurance & Mitigation Admin.  
Ryan Janda, Program Lead, Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program, FEMA*

*Container Shipping on the Mississippi River, Larry Brown, Mayor of Natchez, MS  
Franklin Parker, Chief Counsel, Maritime Administration, DOT*

**Mayors' Press Availability**

11:30am – 12:00pm, 20 F Street, NW, Ground Floor Board Room

*Moderating: AC Wharton, Mayor of Memphis, TN  
Roy Buol, Mayor of Dubuque, IA*

12:00pm – Adjourn

## Hotel Information

Rooms are available at a reduced rate within the historic Phoenix Park Hotel (pictured below), 520 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. Reservations can be made by calling 202-638-6900, ask for the block under the *Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative*.



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