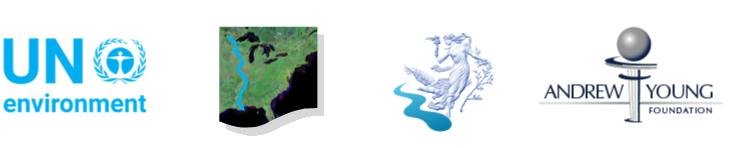
The 6th Annual Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative

Capitol Meeting **DRAFT** Agenda

March 6 – 8, 2018 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 located in the Phoenix Park Hotel unless otherwise stated.



March 6

**Dinner with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

6:00pm – 9:00pm, Venue TBA

*Mayors may gather in the hotel lobby at 5:50pm to travel to dinner venue. Registration materials will be available at the dinner.*

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

Frank Klipsch, Mayor of Davenport, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Lionel Johnson, Mayor of St. Gabriel, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

*Discussion:* Major General Richard Kaiser (invited) R.D. James (appointment pending, invited)

Commander, Mississippi Valley Division Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers United States Department of the Army

Edward E. Belk (invited)

Chief, Operations & Regulatory Practice

Directorate of Civil Works

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

March 7

**Mississippi River Valley Investment Fund Development Forum**

8:00am – 10:30am, Venue TBA

Join Mayors and Investors from across the finance industry to develop a working Mississippi River Valley Investment Fund that proves resources to cities for near-water natural and built infrastructure project coordinated at corridor scale.

*Presiding*: Frank Klipsch, Mayor of Davenport, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Lionel Johnson, Mayor of St. Gabriel, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

*Introduction*: Ambassador Andrew Young

President, Andrew Young Foundation

Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, United States House of

Representatives (GA), Mayor of Atlanta, GA

*Presentation*: Representative

Finance Industry

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

11:30am – 1:00pm, The Home of Congressman John Delaney, Capitol Hill

*Presiding*: Frank Klipsch, Mayor of Davenport, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Lionel Johnson, Mayor of St. Gabriel, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

*Welcome*: The Honorable John Delaney

Member, Financial Services Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance

United States House of Representatives (MD)

*Introduction*: The Honorable Sharon Weston Broome (invited)

Mayor, City of Baton Rouge, LA

*Presentation*: Ambassador Andrew Young

President, Andrew Young Foundation

Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, United States House of

Representatives (GA), Mayor of Atlanta, GA

**Resilience Roundtable: Achieving Preparedness for Our Cities** (Limited space available)

2:00pm – 4:30pm, Woodrow Wilson Center, One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, 1300 Pennsylvania, Avenue, NW

*Presiding*: Frank Klipsch, Mayor of Davenport, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Lionel Johnson, Mayor of St. Gabriel, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Session 1: Understanding the Challenge

*Welcome*: Hon. Roy Buol

Mayor, City of Dubuque, IA

*Greetings*: Member of Congress

TBA

*Introduction*: Barbara Hendrie

North America Director

United Nations Environment

*Overview:* Tonya Graham Laura Hansen

Executive Director Executive Director

Geos Institute EcoAdapt

Session 2: View from the Industry

*Greetings*: Franklin Nutter

President, Reinsurance Association of America (Washington, DC)

*Remarks*: Anthony Kuczinski Michael Foley

President & Chief Executive Officer Chief Executive Officer

Munich Re, US (Princeton, NJ) Zurich North America (New York, NY)

*Remarks*: Samantha Medlock

Senior Vice President, Head of North America Capital, Science & Policy

Willis Towers Watson (Arlington, VA)

Session 3: Way Forward, Moderated Discussion

*Moderator*: Frederic V. Malek, Founder and Chairman, Woodrow Wilson Center

**Break** (Return to Hotel)

5:00pm – 6:00pm

**Congressional Dinner**

6:30pm – 7:00pm, Opening Reception

*Mayors may gather in the hotel lobby at 6:15pm to the Dinner venue*

Join Davenport Mayor Frank Klipsch, St. Gabriel Mayor Lionel Johnson, and members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives for a reception and dinner with the Mississippi River Caucus.

7:00pm – 8:30pm, Dinner

This is our chance to impress upon new members of Congress and the Administration the importance of the Nation’s Inland Waterway System and the valuable Federal Partnerships that can fulfill America’s infrastructure needs.

March 8

**Breakfast: MRCTI Mayors’ Business Meeting**

8:00am – 9:00am, Phoenix Park Hotel

*Presiding:* Frank Klipsch, Mayor of Davenport, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Lionel Johnson, Mayor of St. Gabriel, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

*Discussion*: The Honorable Tim Kabat The Honorable Robert Gallagher

Mayor of La Crosse, WI Mayor of Bettendorf, IA

MRCTI Treasurer MRCTI Secretary

**White House Meeting** (invited participants only)

10:00am – 11:30am, White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

*Presiding:* Frank Klipsch, Mayor of Davenport, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Lionel Johnson, Mayor of St. Gabriel, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

*Welcome:* President’s Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

*Discussion*: President’s Special Advisory Team on Infrastructure

**Mayors Press Conference**

12:00pm, TBD

12:30pm – Adjourn

Hotel Information

Rooms are available at a reduced rate within the historic Phoenix Park Hotel (pictured below), 520 Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. Reservations can be made by calling 202-638-6900, ask for the block under *Mississippi River Cities & Towns* (code 21131).



520 North Capitol Street, NW

Washington, DC 20001

p 202.638.6900

f 202.638.4025