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The 9th Annual Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative Virtual Organizational Meeting Sept 16

Agenda

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SESSION I: A NEW VISION FOR OUR CORRIDOR, OUR FUTURE

10:00 am – 10:30 am, The Walton Family Foundation is currently the only major philanthropy operating throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley meeting challenges at corridor scale.

Presiding: Sharon Weston Broome, Mayor of Baton Rouge, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair
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Introduction: HON. KEVIN SMITH
Mayor of Helena-West Helena, AR
MRCTI Secretary and Arkansas Chair

HON. LYDA KREWSON
Mayor of St. Louis, MO

Remarks: CARYL STERN
Executive Director
Walton Family Foundation

10:30 am – 11:00 am, Congresswoman Betty McCollum became the newest co-chair of the Mississippi River Caucus of the U.S. House in March 2019 at the MRCTI Capitol Meeting. Since then, she has embraced her role with renewed drive and is proposing the establishment of a Mississippi River program to restore our waterway.

Moderating: Dan Lund, Mayor of Newport, MN
Melvin Carter, Mayor of St. Paul, MN

Remarks: Hon. Betty McCollum
U.S. House of Representatives (MN)
Chair, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior & Environment
Co-Chair, Mississippi River Caucus

11:00 am – 11:15 am / 11:30 am – 11:45 am, FEMA has announced the release of the Nation's new resilience grant program entitled **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities** which will bring more than twice the funding for disaster mitigation projects than the previous PDM grant.

Moderating: Hon. Buz Craft, Mayor of Vidalia, LA

Presentation: ERIC LETVIN
Deputy Assistant Administrator for Mitigation
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

11:15 am – 11:30 am, Mayor Peter Buttigieg brings greetings on behalf of Vice President Biden.

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Remarks: HON. PETE BUTTIGIEG, MAYOR OF SOUTH BEND, IN (2012-2020)
Biden/Harris Presidential Campaign

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SESSION II: PARTNERSHIPS TO BUILD NEW OPPORTUNITIES

2:00 pm –2:30 pm, Rotary International collaboration has made dealing with this unprecedented year of challenges, impacts, and systemic change manageable with an innovative and building partnership.

Presiding: Jim Strickland, Mayor of Memphis, TN
Robert Eastern III, Mayor of East St. Louis, IL

Greetings: JILL PIETRUSINSKI
Assistant Rotary Coordinator Zone 31
Rotary Club of O'Fallon, IL

Remarks: TOM THORFINNSEN
Chief Strategy Officer
Rotary International

2:30 pm—3:00 pm, The MRCTI Corporate Advisory Board (CAB) will welcome a new chair and vice chair as FedEx completes their year leading the board. Then, the new CAB chair will make an exciting announcement with USGS.

Moderating: Hon. Tim Kabat, Mayor of La Crosse, WI

Announcement: New Chair, Vice Chair of MRCTI Corporate Advisory Board

Transition: DUPLE TRAVILLION
Senior Gov. Affairs Representative
Federal Express
MRCTI CAB Chair

SHELLY HARTFIELD
Director of Product Development
American Queen Steamboat Company
Incoming MRCTI CAB Chair

Remarks: ALEXANDER LOUCOPOULOS
Partner
Sciens Capital

Announcement: SCOTT MORLOCK
Regional Director, Mid-Continent Region
U.S. Geological Survey

3:00 pm—3:30 pm, The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is completing its new Upper Mississippi River Management Plan which will have implications for cities the entire length of the corridor.

Moderating: Sean Dowse, Mayor of Red Wing, MN, MRCTI Minnesota Chair

Presentation: COL. KARL D. JANSEN
Commander
St. Paul District, Mississippi Valley Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

3:30pm—4:00pm, White House representatives will present the latest on stimulus negotiations, resources to Control the pandemic, and the President's plan to address infrastructure needs in 2021.

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Remarks: DOUG HOELSCHER
Director, Intergovernmental Affairs
The White House
HON. JOHN FLEMING
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House