

THE 7TH ANNUAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER CITIES & TOWNS INITIATIVE

Capitol Meeting
March 5 – 7, 2019 Washington, DC

Draft Agenda

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 Washington Court Hotel unless otherwise stated.



MRCTI
7th
CAPITOL MEETING
MARCH 5-7, 2019
WASHINGTON, DC

March 5

MRCTI Executive Committee Meeting (Closed)

4:30pm – 5:30pm, Upper Level Conference Room, Embassy of Canada,
501 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Executive Committee members may only gather in the lobby of the Washington Court Hotel at 4:00pm to proceed by cab to the Embassy of Canada



Conversation and Dinner with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Partnership with and Sponsored by the Embassy of Canada, 501 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

6:00pm – 6:30pm, Reception Welcoming Guests to the Embassy of Canada, Canada Rm

Mayors may gather in the Washington Court lobby at 5:15pm to board buses to the dinner venue. Registration materials will be available at the dinner.

Hosted at the Embassy of Canada, Mayors will be joined by Embassy of Canada leadership as well as leadership from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a conversation and sit-down dinner to discuss the strong trade relationship and similar water resource challenges facing the region.

Presiding: FRANK KLIPSCH, Mayor of Davenport, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair
LIONEL JOHNSON, Mayor of St. Gabriel, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Remarks: JON MELBERG
Mayor Pro Temp
City of Dayton, MN

THE HONORABLE DEAN PHILLIPS
Member, Foreign Relations Comm.
U.S. House of Representatives (MN)

6:30pm – 9:00pm, Dinner with the U.S. Army Corps and Embassy of Canada Leadership, Canada Rm

Presiding: GEORGE FLAGGS, Mayor of Vicksburg, MS
RITA ALBRECHT, Mayor of Bemidji, MN

Greetings: HIS EXCELLENCY, DAVID MACNAUGHTON
Canadian Ambassador to the United States
Embassy of Canada

Keynote: MR. RICKEY “R.D.” JAMES
Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works
Office of the Assistant Secretary for the Army

Discussion: DR. NORMA JEAN MATTEI MR. EDDIE BELK ERIC BUSH
Member Chief of Programs Chief of Planning & Policy
Mississippi River Commission Army Corps of Eng. Army Corps of Eng.

March 6

**Capitol Hill Infrastructure Breakfast in Partnership with
Infrastructure Week 2019**



8:00am – 9:30am, Kennedy Caucus Room, Russel Senate Office Building

Mayors may gather in the Washington Court lobby at 7:15am to board buses for the venue.

Join Mayors and members of the Mississippi River Caucus to discuss a comprehensive infrastructure bill that includes the Mississippi River Corridor.

Presiding: JO ANNE SMILEY, Mayor of Clarksville, MO
ROY BUOL, Mayor of Dubuque, IA

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

Moderating: ZACH SCHAFER
Executive Director and CEO
Infrastructure Week

Discussion: THE HONORABLE RODNEY DAVIS (invited) THE HONORABLE ABBY FINKENAUER
Ranking Member, Highways & Transit Transportation & Infrastructure Comm.
Transportation & Infrastructure Comm. U.S. House of Representatives (IA)
U.S. House of Representatives (IL)

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

10:00am – 11:30pm, House & Senate Offices, Capitol Hill

Mayors will be escorted from the breakfast venue to the offices for these bilateral meetings.

Capitol Hill Investment Lunch in Partnership with Quantified Ventures

Sponsored by: McDermott, Will, & Emery



12:00pm – 1:30pm, McDermott Building, Main Conference Room, 500 North Capitol St, NW

Mayors will be escorted from Capitol Hill to the lunch venue directly adjacent.

Presiding: JIM STRICKLAND, Mayor of Memphis, TN
RICK EBERLIN, Mayor of Grafton, IL

Presentation: ERIC LETSINGER
President & CEO
Quantified Ventures, LL.C.

Announcing

Agreement:	HON. FRANK KLIPSCH Mayor of Davenport, IA MRCTI Co-Chair	HON. LIONEL JOHNSON Mayor of St. Gabriel, LA MRCTI Co-Chair	ERIC LETSINGER President & CEO Quantified Ventures
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Introduction: JACOB FREY
Mayor of Minneapolis, MN

Remarks: THE HONORABLE TINA SMITH
Member, Banking, Housing, & Urban Affairs
United States Senate (MN)

Financing Green Municipal Infrastructure in Partnership with and

Sponsored by: CDP North America; McDermott, Will, & Emery

1:45pm – 2:30pm, McDermott Building, Main Conf Rm, 500 N Capitol St, NW

Mayors will join leaders in infrastructure investment, sustainable business development, and the financial sector to establishing a framework to facilitate investment into Mississippi River City projects.



Presiding: BOB GALLAGHER, Mayor of Bettendorf, IA
ERRICK SIMMONS, Mayor of Greenville, MS

Introduction: KATIE WALSH
Senior Manager of Cities, States, & Regions
CDP North America

Discussion:	ERIC GLASS Senior Portfolio Manager AllianceBernstein	GLEN YELTON Vice President of ESG Oppenheimer Funds	PURVA PATEL Portfolio Manager Nuveen Asset Management
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Remarks: HON. LIONEL JOHNSON
Mayor of St. Gabriel, LA
MRCTI Co-Chair

THE HONORABLE JOHN KENNEDY
Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee
Financial Services & General Gov.
United States Senate (LA)

Roundtable Discussion with Cities and Investors: Overcoming Challenges to Financing Sustainable Infrastructure

2:45 – 3:15pm, McDermott Building, Main Conf Rm, 500 N Capitol St, NW

This break-out session will allow local governments and investors to discuss the strategies and next steps to financing their sustainable infrastructure projects. What challenges do cities and investors face in financing green infrastructure projects? How can investors advance municipal green infrastructure projects? What can cities do to move their projects closer to being financed?

Presiding: BOB GALLAGHER, Mayor of Bettendorf, IA
ERRICK SIMMONS, Mayor of Greenville, MS

Moderating: KATIE WALSH
Senior Manager of Cities, States, & Regions
CDP North America

Discussion: BILATERAL SESSION BETWEEN MAYORS AND INVESTORS
Participants will break-off into smaller groups for more tailored conversations on financing infrastructure projects

CDP Mixer: Connect with Session Attendees and Continue the Conversation

3:30pm – 5:00pm, Washington Court Hotel, Federal Center Bar, 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW

Congressional Reception & Dinner

6:00pm – 6:30pm, Opening Reception, Room 216, Hart Senate Office Building

Mayors may gather in the Washington Court lobby at 5:30pm to board buses for 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.

Presiding: FRANK KLIPSCH, Mayor of Davenport, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair
LIONEL JOHNSON, Mayor of St. Gabriel, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Presentation: SPECIAL APPRECIATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER CAUCUS LEADERSHIP STAFF

Remarks: HON. TIM KABAT
Mayor of La Crosse, WI
THE HONORABLE RON KIND
Co-Chair, Mississippi River Caucus
U.S. House of Representatives (WI)

6:30pm – 8:30pm, Dinner, Room 216, Hart Senate Office Building

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

Presiding: FRANK KLIPSCH, Mayor of Davenport, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair
LIONEL JOHNSON, Mayor of St. Gabriel, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Induction: HON. JACOB FREY
Mayor of Minneapolis, MN

Keynote: THE HONORABLE BETTY MCCOLLUM
NEW MISSISSIPPI RIVER CAUCUS CO-CHAIR
U.S. House of Representatives (MN)

Remarks: THE HONORABLE MARSHA BLACKBURN
United States Senate (TN)

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Preview: HON. JIM STRICKLAND
Mayor of Memphis, TN

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March 7

**Global Commodity Sustainability Breakfast in Partnership with the
NCEL Mississippi River Legislative Caucus and Field to Market**

8:00am – 9:30am, Carnegie Institution for Science, Ballroom, 1530 P Street, NW

Mayors may gather in the Washington Court lobby at 7:15am to board buses for the venue.



Presiding: MIKE THOMS, Mayor of Rock Island, IL
KEVIN SMITH, Mayor of Helena-West Helena, AR

Introduction: HON. RITA ALBRECHT
Mayor of Bemidji, MN

Keynote: THE HONORABLE COLLIN C. PETERSON
Chairman, Agriculture Committee
U.S. House of Representatives (MN)

Introduction: HON. BOB GALLAGHER
Mayor of Bettendorf, IA

HON. SEAN DOWSE
Mayor of Red Wing, MN

Discussion: THE HONORABLE ANGIE CRAIG
Member, Agriculture Committee
U.S. House of Representatives (MN)

ROD SNYDER
President
Field to Market

BETSY HICKMAN
Vice President
Field to Market

Presentation: BECCA MARTIN (invited)
Director, Government Relations
Cargill

Discussion: THE HONORABLE JOHN HOFFMAN
Minnesota State Senator
Mississippi River Legislative Caucus
National Caucus of Environmental Legislators

Mayors Press Conference

9:40am – 10:00am, Carnegie Institution for Science, Boardroom, 1530 P Street, NW

Mayors will host a brief press conference on the worsening flooding in the Lower Stem of the Mississippi River as well as unveil their 2019 Federal Policy Platform

Presiding: FRANK KLIPSCH, Mayor of Davenport, IA, MRCTI Co-Chair
LIONEL JOHNSON, Mayor of St. Gabriel, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

White House Meeting (by separate invitation only)

10:30am – 12:00pm, 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: WILLIAM CROZER
Special Assistant to the President
Deputy Director, White House Intergovernmental Affairs

Discussion: ANDREW OLMEM
Deputy Assistant to the President for Economic Policy
Deputy Director, White House National Economic Council

Presentation: MARK HARVEY
Senior Director for Resilience
White House National Security Council

12:00pm – Adjourn

Hotel Information

Rooms are available at a reduced rate within the elegant Washington Court Hotel (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*.



