

# THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER CITIES & TOWNS INITIATIVE

## Capitol Meeting

### Agenda

February 28 – March 2, 2017 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. Overflow Hotels include the Hyatt Regency Washington, DC and the Washington Court Hotel.

## February 28

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

6:00pm – 9:00pm, The McDermott Building, Main Conference Room, 500 North Capitol Street, NW

*Mayors may gather in the hotel lobby of the Phoenix Park at 5:50pm to walk next door 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  
CHRIS COLEMAN, Mayor of St. Paul, MN, MRCTI Co-Chair  
BELINDA CONSTANT, Mayor of Gretna, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

*Welcome:* JAMES KIM  
Partner  
McDermott Will & Emery LLP

*Remarks:* LESLIE SHOEMAKER  
Global Executive Vice President, Water, Environment & Infrastructure  
Tetra Tech

*Discussion:* MAJOR GENERAL DONALD E. (ED) JACKSON  
Deputy Commanding General for Civil Operations  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
COLONEL ANTHONY MITCHELL  
Commander, St. Louis District  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
EDWARD E. BELK  
Chief, Programs Integration Division  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

*Discussion:* ROY E. WRIGHT  
Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation  
Federal Emergency Management Agency

*Update on  
2017 Annual Mtg:* FRANCIS SLAY  
Mayor of St. Louis, MO

March 1

**Funding Infrastructure Improvements In Our Cities**

8:00am – 10:00am, Main Conference Room, Van Scoyoc Associates, Inc., 101 Constitution Avenue, NW, #600w  
Mayors will meet in the Phoenix Park Lobby at 7:30am and board buses for the breakfast venue.

*Presiding:* JIM STRICKLAND, Mayor of Memphis, TN

*Welcome:* STEVEN PALMER  
Vice President, Van Scoyoc Associates

*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

*Greetings:* JESSICA GIROUX  
General Counsel & Managing Director  
Bond Dealers of America

*Introduction:* MARK P. SMITH  
Deputy Director, North American Water  
The Nature Conservancy

*Presentation:* ANTTI M. SUHONEN  
Executive Director, Infrastructure Public Finance  
Corporate & Investment Bank  
J.P. Morgan

**Capitol Hill Executive Meetings**

10:30am – 12:00pm, LBJ Room (S-211), United States Capitol, Senate Side

*Presiding:* ROY BUOL, Mayor of Dubuque, IA  
Frank Klipsch, Mayor of Davenport, IA

*Presentation:* KAREN E. WIRTH (invited)  
EPA Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water  
Source Water Protection Collaborative Team Leader

<i>Presentation:</i> ALAN MAYBERRY Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Adm. U.S. Department of Transportation	HOWARD “MAC” MCMILLAN Acting Deputy Administrator PHMSA U.S. Department of Transportation
MARK SANBORN Intergovernmental Affairs Office of the Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation	

### **Capitol Hill Lunch**

12:00pm – 1:30pm, LBJ Room (S-211), United States Capitol, Senate Side

*Presiding:* Tim Kabat, Mayor of La Crosse, WI

*Presentation:* THE HONORABLE RON KIND (invited)  
Member, House Ways & Means Subcommittee on Trade  
United States House of Representatives (WI)

### **White House Meeting on Infrastructure (Mayors and city staff only)**

2:30pm – 4:00pm, White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

*Presiding:* CHRIS COLEMAN, Mayor of St. Paul, MN, MRCTI Co-Chair  
BELINDA CONSTANT, Mayor of Gretna, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

*Welcome:* PRESIDENT'S OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

*Introduction:* THE HONORABLE ANDREW YOUNG  
President, Andrew Young Foundation  
Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, United States House of  
Representatives (GA), Mayor of Atlanta, GA

*Discussion:* PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
Disaster Resilience and National Security

### **Break (Return to Hotel)**

5:00pm – 6:00pm

### **Congressional Dinner Opening Reception**

6:30pm – 7:00pm, Opening Reception, Top of the Jones Day Building, 300 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Rm 740

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

Join St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman, Gretna Mayor Belinda Constant, and members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives for a reception and dinner with the Mississippi River Caucus.

*Presiding:* CHRIS COLEMAN, Mayor of St. Paul, MN, MRCTI Co-Chair  
BELINDA CONSTANT, Mayor of Gretna, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

*Welcome:* ANTONIO F. DIAS  
Senior Counsel, Municipal Practice  
Jones Day

*Remarks:*

## **Congressional Dinner**

7:00pm – 8:30pm, Dinner, Top of the Jones Day Building, 300 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Rm 740

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.

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*Introduction:* HARRY REDIGER  
Mayor of Cape Girardeau, MO

*Remarks:* THE HONORABLE JASON SMITH  
Co-Chair, Mississippi River Caucus  
United States House of Representatives (MO)

*Introduction:* LIONEL JOHNSON, JR.  
Mayor of St. Gabriel, LA

*Remarks:* THE HONORABLE GARRET GRAVES  
Chairman, Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources & Env.  
United States House of Representatives (LA)

March 2

**MRCTI Leadership Breakfast**

7:30am – 8:30am, Phoenix Park Hotel, Powers Court Room

*Presiding:* CHRIS COLEMAN, Mayor of St. Paul, MN, MRCTI Co-Chair  
BELINDA CONSTANT, Mayor of Gretna, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

*Discussion:* DON CLINE  
Associate Director of Water  
U.S. Geological Survey

**Mayors Press Conference**

9:00am – 9:30am, National Association of Realtors Building, 12th floor, 500 New Jersey Avenue, NW  
Mayors will host a press conference to introduce their plan for restoring the built and natural infrastructure of the Mississippi River Corridor. The Press venue is located one block from the Phoenix Park Hotel.

*Presiding:* CHRIS COLEMAN, Mayor of St. Paul, MN, MRCTI Co-Chair  
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11:00am – 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*.



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