

# THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER CITIES & TOWNS INITIATIVE

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## Capitol Meeting

### Agenda

March 19-21, 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 19

### **Welcome Dinner, Sponsored by the Carpenter's District Council of Saint Louis and Vicinity**

*(Mayors may gather in the hotel lobby at 6:20pm to walk 2 blocks to dinner venue.*

*Registration materials will be available at the dinner)*

6:30pm – 8:30pm, Reception, 101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor

*Presiding: Francis Slay, Mayor of St. Louis, MO; David Kleis, Mayor of St. Cloud, MN*

Join St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay, St. Cloud Mayor David Kleis, and members of the U.S. House of Representatives from along the Mississippi River for a welcoming of this first gathering of mayors along the waterway in Washington, DC.

THE HONORABLE TIM WALZ (invited)  
Mississippi River Caucus Co-Chair  
United States House of Representatives (MN)

THE HONORABLE RICK CRAWFORD (confirmed)  
Mississippi River Caucus Co-Chair  
United States House of Representatives (AR)

THE HONORABLE RON KIND (confirmed)  
Mississippi River Caucus Co-Chair  
United States House of Representatives (WI)

THE HONORABLE RODNEY ALEXANDER (confirmed)  
Appropriations Committee  
United States House of Representatives (LA)

## March 20

### **Breakfast**

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

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

## House and Senate Meetings

9:00am – 11:45am, House & Senate Offices, Capitol Hill

Mayors will split into two groups, one for the House and one for the Senate. Each group will conduct meetings with Congressional leadership.

THE HONORABLE JOHN BOOZMAN (9:00am, Hart 320)

Environment & Public Works Committee

United States Senate (AR)

*Presiding: Dickie Kennemore, Mayor of Osceola, AR*

TODD WOLF (9:00AM, 1009 LHOB)

Legislative Director

Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (IL)

*Presiding: Tom Hoechst, Mayor of Alton, IL*

THE HONORABLE ROY BLUNT (10:00am, Russell 260)

Mississippi River Caucus Co-Chair

United States Senate (MO)

*Presiding: Francis Slay, Mayor of St. Louis, MO;*

*Jo Anne Smiley, Mayor of Clarksville, MO*

JACOB PARKER (9:45am, 2217 RHOB)

Legislative Director

Congressman Tom Latham (IA)

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

THE HONORABLE THAD COCHRAN (11:15am, Dirksen 113)

Ranking Member, Appropriations Committee

United States Senate (MS)

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

ROBIN GORACKE (10:30AM, 2109 RHOB)

Legislative Director

Congressman Colin Peterson (MN)

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

THE HONORABLE STEPHEN FINCHER (11:15am, 1118 LHOB)

Mississippi River Caucus Co-Chair

United States House of Representatives (TN)

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

## Capitol Hill Lunch

12:00pm – 1:30pm, Senate Capitol Room 115

*Presiding:*

THE HONORABLE RICHARD DURBIN (invited)

Majority Whip

United States Senate (IL)

THE HONORABLE ROGER WICKER (invited)

Environment & Public Works Committee

United States Senate (MS)

THE HONORABLE BARBARA BOXER (invited)

Chairwoman, Environment & Public Works Committee

United States Senate (CA)

## White House Visit (Mayors and city staff only)

2:30pm – 4:00pm, White House, Executive Office Building

*Presiding: Francis Slay, Mayor of St. Louis; Dave Kleis, Mayor of St. Cloud; AC Wharton, Mayor of Memphis*

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

## Break (Return to Hotel)

4:30pm – 6:20pm

**Dinner with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, *Sponsored by TweetMyJobs.com*** (Mayors and city staff only)

*(Mayors may gather in the hotel lobby at 6:20pm to walk 1 block to dinner venue)*

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

*Presiding: Paul Winfield, Mayor of Vicksburg, MS; AC Wharton, Mayors of Memphis, TN*

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.

MAJOR GENERAL JOHN PEABODY (Confirmed)

Commander, Mississippi Valley Division

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

## March 21

### **Breakfast**

8:30am – 9:30am, Power Court Room, Phoenix Park Hotel

*Presiding: Francis Slay, Mayor of St. Louis, MO*

### **Mississippi River Photo Exhibit, *Sponsored by Ingram Barge Company***

9:00am – 3:00pm, Capitol Hill

MRCTI has partnered with member-city arts councils along the Mississippi River to display photographs depicting: 1) Natural beauty of the Mississippi River; 2) Life on the Mississippi River; and 3) Challenges of the Mississippi River. Over a dozen arts organizations representing cities from the entire length of the waterway have contributed photographs from various artists to create a sunning portrait showing the impact and importance of the Mississippi to the American condition.

### **Mississippi River Bicameral Caucus Press Conference**

10:00am, Cannon House Office Building, 1<sup>st</sup> St. & Independence Ave., SE, Caucus Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

*Presiding: Francis Slay, Mayor of St. Louis, MO; Dave Kleis, Mayor of St. Cloud, MN*

Mayors will join the House and Senate Co-chairs of the Mississippi River Bicameral Caucus to announce its formation and aims around America's Great Waterway.

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Mississippi River Caucus Co-Chair

United States Senate (IA)

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Mississippi River Caucus Co-Chair

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### **Mayors' Mississippi River Platform Press Briefing**

10:30am, Cannon House Office Building, 1<sup>st</sup> St. & Independence Ave., SE, Caucus Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

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Mayors will provide a press briefing to members of the media on the details regarding their platform to restore and sustain the Mississippi River.

12:00pm – 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 the *Mississippi River Cities Initiative*.



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