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MRCTI MAYORS' CAPITOL Mtg FLY-IN 2026

The Mississippi River, Binding Tie of America's Tapestry | Washington, DC SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL, March 4—6



Uncertain Times

America's heartland is at a rare inflection point. With shifting political norms and policy priorities in Washington, there is a clean slate—and a window for local leaders to shape the national agenda.

A Focused Fly-In

MRCTI Co-Chairs, Mayor Young of Memphis and Mayor Logan of Blytheville, invite select Mayors from along the Mississippi River to join a focused fly-in to Washington, DC, to meet directly with congressional and administration leaders on the issues that matter most to river communities: trade and freight competitiveness, resilient infrastructure, economic development, and disaster preparedness.



Our Region Binds America

The Mississippi River is one of the nation's most strategic economic corridors. By coming together with a unified voice, mayors can elevate regional priorities, build bipartisan relationships, and influence emerging federal policies at the moment they are being formed. This fly-in is an opportunity to position Mississippi River communities not just as stakeholders—but as essential partners in America's future.



Strategic Value of Unified Mayors



By convening mayors from across the Mississippi River corridor, this fly-in will present

a unified regional agenda to federal leaders at a moment when policy frameworks are still evolving. This collective engagement can influence funding decisions, policy design, and implementation priorities—ensuring that river communities are not reacting to federal policy, but helping to design it.

Engage Federal Leadership Now



Meeting directly with key federal agencies and White House leaders gives Mississippi River mayors rare and distinct,

high-value outcomes. Our Meetings will include:

- White House IGA
- U.S. Dept. of Transportation
- U.S. Dept. of Commerce
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Office of U.S. Trade Representative

Why Mayors' Voices Matter



A coordinated delegation of mayors can articulate a shared regional agenda, demonstrate bipartisan local leadership, and influence federal funding and policy decisions at a critical moment. This engagement will help ensure that Mississippi River communities are recognized as essential engines of national economic growth, resilience, and security.

Please see official invite for registration link.



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