

2018 Illinois/Missouri Critical Infrastructure Conference

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Hilton, St. Louis-Frontenac

8:00 am-8:45 am **Breakfast & Registration**

8:45 am-8:50 am **Welcoming Remarks**

Dan Mehan, President & CEO (Missouri Chamber of Commerce)

Todd Maisch, President & CEO (Illinois Chamber of Commerce)

8:50 am-9:25 am **Resiliency & Planning for Disruption**

Ben Brockschmidt, Vice President of Policy (Illinois Chamber of Commerce)

Clayton Harris III, Executive Director (Illinois International Port District)

Ricky Goins (Department of Homeland Security)

Tom Blair (MODOT)

Colonel Christopher Robertson (U.S. Transportation Command)

Disruptions surround us but the good news is we can take steps to be prepared. Preparedness starts with investing and improving existing assets, recognizing strengths and building around weaknesses.

9:25 am-9:50 am **Tomorrow's Technology Today: Smart Port Technology**

Tony Boemi, Vice President, Growth and Development (Port of Montreal)

Throughout history, infrastructure and logistics have been on the leading edge of technological innovation. This is especially true today as the use of predictive analytics, key performance indicators (KPI's), blockchain, and artificial intelligence bring new opportunities and challenges.

9:50 am-10:15 am **Why We Invest**

Randy Blankenhorn, Secretary (Illinois Department of Transportation)

Our national transportation infrastructure drives the American economy, but investment from the federal government is not what it used to be. States are increasingly asked to pick up more with limited resources but cannot do it without more help.

10:15 am-10:30 am **Networking Break**

10:30 am-10:55 am **The Role of Federal Agencies in Emerging Technologies**

Anthony Bedell, Deputy Assistant Secretary (U.S. Department of Transportation, Intergovernmental Affairs)

The U.S. transportation network spans 50 states and includes all modes of transportation. Changes in technology are coming quicker than Congress can legislate, requiring federal agencies to adapt to this constantly changing environment.

10:55 am-11:30 am **Legislative Panel**

Missouri Representative Becky Ruth

Missouri Senator Dave Schatz

Illinois Representative Marcus Evans, Jr. Chairman Transportation: Regulation, Roads

Ken Franklin, Vice President of Governmental Relations and Policy Initiatives (Bi-State Development)

Progress doesn't appear out of a black hole, state legislatures are an integral part of investing in our economy. For the St. Louis region, that means collaboration across the river. Missouri and Illinois are both working towards advancing growth in the region and recognize robust critical infrastructure systems are key to that goal.

11:30 am-11:45 am **Networking Break & Lunch**

11:45 am-12:25 pm **Lunch Keynote: President Trump's Infrastructure Plan**

Alex Herrgott (Executive Office of the President, the White House)

As President Trump's infrastructure advisor, Alex has a front row seat to the President's efforts to invest in our nation's infrastructure.

12:25 pm-1:00 pm **Critical Infrastructure: The Building Blocks for Economic Development**

Rob Russell, Assistant VP Network Economic & Industrial Development (Union Pacific)

Tom Chulick, President & CEO (St. Louis Regional Chamber)

Mark Stombaugh, Business Development Director (Missouri Department of Economic Development)

Businesses need stable and resilient infrastructure to thrive. A good foundation of quality roads and bridges coupled with a reliable energy grid enables businesses to confidently make the investments needed in our region.

1:00 pm-1:25 pm **From Our Neighbors to the North: The Relationship Between Canada, the St. Louis Region and Its Impact on the Local Economy**

John Cruickshank, Consul General of Canada (Canadian Consulate, Chicago)

Canadian Consul-General John Cruickshank will talk about MO-IL/Canadian infrastructure connections and how the Consulate works with the two states to promote Canadian and American trade and business growth.

1:25 pm-1:40 pm **Networking Break/Snacks**

1:40 pm-2:20 pm **Power of the Supply Chain in the Energy Industry**

John Drake, Executive Director, Supply Chain Policy (US Chamber of Commerce)

David Bunge, Vice President, Strategic Development (Cypress Creek Renewables)

Bob Beckmann, Project Manager (Missouri Enterprise)

This panel will explore needs of the industry from the perspective of the oil and gas and solar industries; what the future outlooks are; how these companies are preparing for a changing energy economy; what matters to them for their supply chain; and why a robust infrastructure network is so important for these industries to succeed.

2:20 pm-2:45 pm **St. Louis infrastructure's impact on Anheuser-Busch and how regulation and infrastructure alignment can lead to maximum economic benefit**

Chris Pickett, Senior Director Tier 1 Warehousing and Transportation, Anheuser-Busch InBev

A look at how AB uses the local St. Louis area infrastructure, what it believes are the most important opportunities for infrastructure development in the near future, and how regulation is critical to recognizing the full benefit of infrastructure capabilities.

2:45 pm- 3:00 pm **Closing Remarks/End Conference**