



KC Chamber Leadership Exchange Update

August 21, 2022

This is the third Leadership Exchange electronic update of the year. Attached to this email you will find the updated itinerary for the trip. It is still subject to change as we confirm all speakers and sessions. Below you will find a reminder of the Leadership Exchange Kickoff Reception August 29 and articles on Detroit's work to support businesses in underserved communities and the first-in-the-nation autonomous vehicle corridor. You will also see a request for invitees to the Thank You Detroit Reception/Dinner September 19 and more.

August 29 LEX Kickoff Reception, 4-5:30 p.m. RSVP Now

Just a reminder that the KC Chamber will host an informal Kick-Off reception and orientation for the 2022 Leadership Exchange on **Monday, August 29, 4-5:30 p.m. in the Chamber Boardroom in Union Station, 30 W. Pershing Rd., Kansas City, MO.** This will be a great opportunity for our 2022 Exchange delegates to get to know each other, catch a glimpse of this year's trip and hear some tips on how to prepare for the excursion. If you have not yet provided an RSVP, **please RSVP to Dani Bennett, dbennett@kcchamber.com, by August 24.**

Leadership Exchange Travel Details

Your charter flight air travel and lodging reservations have been made and confirmed through the KC Chamber. All you need to do is show up at KCI Airport by 10:30 a.m., Sunday, September 18.

Airline Travel

Sunday, September 18, 11:30 a.m.

Southwest Airlines Charter #8021

Tuesday, September 20, 3:30 p.m.

Southwest Airlines Charter #8221

Hotel Accommodations

Westin Book Cadillac Hotel

1114 Washington Boulevard

Detroit, Michigan

(313)442-1600

Would You Like to Invite a Guest to Thank You Detroit Reception?

If you have a colleague, friend or family member in Detroit whom you would like to invite to our Monday evening, September 19 Thank You Detroit Reception and Dinner, please provide their name, title, company name and email address to Dani Bennett, dbennett@kcchamber.com no later than August 24. Due to space and cost restrictions, we ask that those inviting guests limit their guests to one per delegate. Details for the event are below.

Thank You Detroit Evening Events

Monday, September 19

Reception 5:30-6:30 p.m., Waterview Lofts, 130 Atwater Street

Dinner: 6:30-8 p.m. Waterview Lofts, 130 Atwater Street

Quick Glimpse of Detroit's Comeback Fever

Detroit's residents and leaders talk of the dramatic turnaround of the city from the downtrodden years of auto industry decline, municipal bankruptcy in 2013, people leaving decaying neighborhoods for the suburbs and the haunting memories of the deadly 1967 riots. What they find now, is a rebirth of sorts summed up in rebuilding, new businesses in bustling city core neighborhoods, and a burst of renewed energy and pride exuded by residents. Downtown sports stadiums and arena, a rapidly expanding and

award-winning riverfront, downtown art and public spaces, and reinvestment tools are providing a full-scale makeover for the core and its adjacent neighborhoods. Checkout this article for a quick description of the Motor City's evolving resurrection. <https://www.goworldtravel.com/visit-detroit/>

Government & Philanthropy Team up to Support Minority Businesses

Wayne County where Detroit is located and Detroit's New Economy Initiative (NEI) have teamed up to expand small business support with a combined \$54 million investment to launch The Wayne County Small Business Hub to support new and existing small businesses with 50 or fewer employees, focusing on minority- and women-owned businesses with 10 or fewer employees. The county is committing \$32 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds to NEI to match \$22 million in private foundation commitments to put a small business support system in place throughout the county. NEI, a project of the Southeast Michigan Community Foundation, has operated a similar program for several years to support underserved communities and minority businesses in Detroit proper. The Leadership Exchange delegation will learn more about Detroit's ecosystem designed to support small businesses in chronically under invested neighborhoods. This article provides more information about the new NEI program.

<https://bit.ly/3wk4nMn>

Next Automotive Innovation for Detroit?

First in the Nation Autonomous Electric Vehicle Corridor

In its latest bid to ensure Detroit remains the epicenter of an auto industry moving rapidly into a technology-driven future, Michigan just received a US government grant to help build the first phase of a first-in-the-nation connected and autonomous vehicle corridor. Local and state government officials, members of Michigan's congressional delegation, Ford Motor Co. executives and project developer Cavnue are working on plans for a roadway that would stretch from downtown Detroit to Ann Arbor. Along the way, it would connect to such key milestones as the American Center for Mobility in Ypsilanti, the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, several regional Opportunity Zones and would parallel parts of Interstate 94 to Detroit Metropolitan Airport. The KC Chamber is working with City and State officials to offer Leadership Exchange attendees a brief glimpse of the plans. Read more here:

<https://bit.ly/3c8I5Y8>

Deadline for Cancellation & LEX Delegate Replacement Fee

As is often the case, Leadership Exchange delegates may have something come up and need to cancel their registration or replace themselves on the Leadership Exchange trip. As stated in the invitation and registration material, the deadline to receive a refund for a cancellation was July 12. However, you still may cancel and replace yourself with an executive-level colleague from your company. Delegate replacements made after July 31 will incur a \$200 change fee to help cover the administrative costs relative to handling the replacements. Thank you for your understanding.

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