



August 10, 2026

Mayor Willis Thompson and Members of the Board of Aldermen

**RE: Destination Downtown Conference in Baton Rouge, LA
September 9-11, 2026**

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As part of our National Main Street Accreditation, I am required to attend so many training conferences. I want to request permission to attend Destination Downtown in Baton Rouge, LA, from September 9-11, 2026. Information about the conference is below.

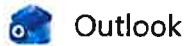
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Travel Expenses requested: Registration, Hotel accommodations, mileage, and meals

Thank you,


Kim Hopkins

Executive Director
Vicksburg Main Street



RE: Permission to travel

From Willis Thompson <mayorwillisthompson@vicksburg.org>

Date Wed 7/29/2026 4:03 PM

To Kim Hopkins <kimh@vicksburg.org>; Willis Thompson <mayorwillisthompson@vicksburg.org>; Thomas T.J. Mayfield <aldermantjmayfield@vicksburg.org>; Vickie Bailey <alderwomanbailey@vicksburg.org>

Hello, Kim. Hope all is well. The mayor says ok. Thanks!

Brian

From: Kim Hopkins <kimh@vicksburg.org>

Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 9:28 AM

To: Willis Thompson <mayorwillisthompson@vicksburg.org>; Thomas T.J. Mayfield <aldermantjmayfield@vicksburg.org>; Vickie Bailey <alderwomanbailey@vicksburg.org>

Subject: Permission to travel

Good Morning,

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Thank you,

Kim

Kim Hopkins,

Executive Director

Vicksburg Main Street Program

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TRAVEL REQUEST FORM

NAME: N. Ward Alderman
S. Ward Alderman

Name: <u>Kim Hopkins</u>		Date: <u>September 9, 2026</u>
DESTINATION: <u>Baton Rouge</u>		Return Date: <u>September 11, 2026</u>
PURPOSE of Trip: <u>Destination Downtown</u>		
TRANSPORTATION (Check One): Airline ☐ Personal Vehicle ☒ City Vehicle Rental		Estimated Cost: <u>\$68.62</u>
Personal Vehicle Estimated Actual Mileage: <u>292 miles @ \$0.235</u> <u>\$68.62</u>		Airline
City Vehicle Estimated Actual Gas Costs:		
Car Rental:	Duration:	Rental Car
OTHER: (Specify)		Other
MEALS AND LODGING: Hotel Accommodations: <u>Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center</u> <u>201 Lafayette Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801</u> Duration: <u>Sept. 9-11, 2026</u>		Hotel <u>\$310.75</u>
Maximum Meal Allowance per <u>3</u> # of days <u>\$68.00</u> per day		<u>\$204.00</u>
Destination: <u>Baton Rouge, LA</u>		Registration <u>\$205.80</u>
REGISTRATION: <u>Reimbursement to Vicksburg</u> <u>Main Street for registration with</u> <u>Louisiana main street.</u>		TOTAL: <u>789.17</u>
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:		
Check Received By:		
Date Received:		

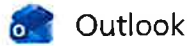
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*Thanks,
Ken*

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Date Wed 7/8/2026 2:31 PM

To Kim Hopkins <kimh@vicksburg.org>

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Registration confirmed

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Sep 09, 2026 10:00am - Sep 11, 2026 01:00pm

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Louisiana's Old State Capitol
100 North Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70801
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Contact Information

Louisiana Main Street
Louisiana Main Street
mainstreet@crt.la.gov
2253428162

Primary Registrant

First name	Kim
Last name	Hopkins
Email	kimh@vicksburg.org

Summary for order ID: EgfAPYfkXL

Conference Registration x 1	\$200.00
Event Platform Fee	\$5.80
TOTAL	\$205.80
Payment method	Stripe

[View tickets](#)

You are receiving this email because you registered for Destination Downtown 2026

Louisiana Main Street | PO Box 44247 | Baton Rouge, LA 70804 US



The Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center Reservation Confirmation

From The Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center Team <info@cvent.com>

Date Wed 7/8/2026 2:25 PM

To Kim Hopkins <kimh@vicksburg.org>

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Destination Downtown Conference

Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center

Sep 8, 2026 to Sep 12, 2026

RESERVATION CONFIRMATION

We are pleased to confirm your reservation at Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center. Our staff is looking forward to your arrival for Destination Downtown Conference. Below you will find details of your reservation. If your travel plans change and you need to modify your reservation, please [click here](#).

Hotel Confirmation 3501229826

Date Booked Jul 8, 2026

Reservation Name Kim Hopkins
Arrival Date Sep 9, 2026
Departure Date Sep 11, 2026
Room Type Queen Riverview
Number of Guests 1

Date	Guests	Status	Rate
Sep 9, 2026	1	Confirmed	134.00
Sep 10, 2026	1	Confirmed	134.00

Night by Night Rate	Additional Guest	Rate
	Second Guest	0.00
	Third Guest	0.00
	Fourth Guest	0.00

Total Charge 310.75

Tax Disclosure Room rates shown do not include 15.95% Room Tax Per Night (subject to change). Total charges presented on the website will include all room fees and taxes.

Add-Ons

Cancel Policy Change or cancel up to 48 hours prior to arrival. Amount charged if canceled inside of 48 hours equals one night stay plus applicable taxes.

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September 9 - 11, 2026

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Louisiana's Old State Capitol
100 North Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA
70801

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Wednesday, September 9, 2026
10:00am - Friday, September 11, 2026
01:00pm

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Preliminary Schedule

Wednesday, September 9

10:00 - 5:00 On-site Check-in/Registration

10:30 - 1:30 Main Street 101 (Ticket purchase required, Lunch provided.)

2:00 - 5:00 Select one of three tour options:

Downtown St. Francisville Bus/Walking Tour
Denham Springs Antique Village Bus/Walking Tour
Downtown Baton Rouge Walking Tour

5:30 - 7:00 Opening Reception

Thursday, September 10

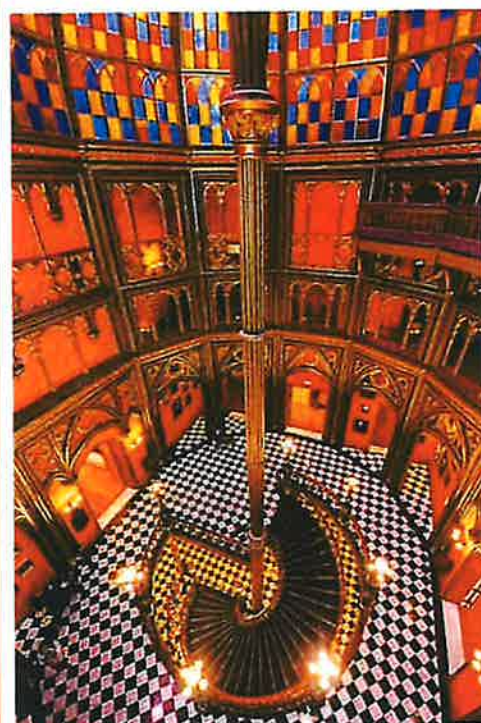
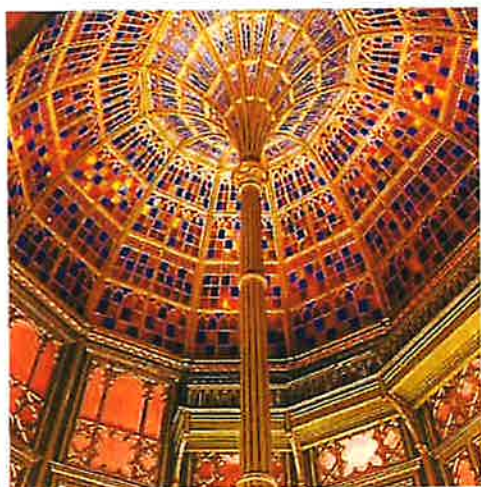
8:00 On-site Check-in/Registration Opens

9:00 - 10:15 Opening Plenary

10:15 - 10:30 Break

10:30 - 11:45 Three Concurrent Sessions

11:45 - 1:45 Lunch On Your Own



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1:45 - 3:00 Three Concurrent Sessions
3:00 - 3:15 Break
3:15 - 4:30 Three Concurrent Sessions
6:00 Louisiana Thursday Night at Red Stick Social

Friday, September 11

8:00 On-site Check-in/Registration Opens
8:30 - 9:45 Three Concurrent Sessions
9:45 - 10:00 Break
10:00 - 11:15 Three Concurrent Sessions
11:30 - 12:30 Closing Plenary

[Download a Printable Copy of the Preliminary Schedule](#)

Conference Headquarters

Louisiana's Old State Capitol

100 North Boulevard
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Conference Hotels

A variety of hotels are located within walking distance of Louisiana's Old State Capitol

[Hotel Information](#)

Questions?

Contact Louisiana Main Street at mainstreet@crt.la.gov or 225-342-8162

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Conference Venues



Louisiana's Old State Capitol
100 North Boulevard

Conference Headquarters
Main Street 101
Tour Departures
Breakout Sessions



Capitol Park Museum
Louisiana State Museums
660 North 4th Street

Opening Reception



Manship Theatre
Shaw Center for the Arts
100 Lafayette Street

Opening Plenary



Hartley/Vey Studio Theatre
Shaw Center for the Arts
100 Lafayette Street

Breakout Sessions



Red Stick Social at Electric Depot
1509 Government Street

Louisiana Thursday Night

Conference LAMA Partners



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