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## WELCOME TO SMART CITIES NOW

*Updates on smart city progress around the globe*

### NEWS & TRENDS

**Will drought spur water spending?** Cities in need of smart solutions for their water systems might take note of a recent Harris Poll. In the wake of California's mandated cuts in water use, the survey showed strong support among Americans for water project investment. Read why it could signal a turning point in water works spending. [MORE >>](#)

**Delivering iPads and apps to Japan's elderly:** An initiative by IBM, Apple and Japan Post aims to improve the quality of life for Japan's growing senior population. The idea is to connect millions of senior citizens to services, healthcare, community and their families via iPads, apps and analytics. [MORE >>](#)

#### Verizon IoT Smart Cities Seminar coming to San Jose

The three-hour morning event on Tuesday, May 19, highlights smart cities solutions available from Verizon and its solutions providers. Keynote speaker is Jennifer Belissent, principal analyst at Forrester. Representatives from the cities of Oakland and San Francisco will also speak. [Learn more >>](#)

### POINT OF VIEW

**Smart meters meet the public:** Through open communication, hard facts and figures and positioning themselves to be active listeners, utilities can implement smart meter technology with open arms from customers. Jenny Roehm of Schneider Electric shares her insights, at the site. [MORE >>](#)

#### May 21 ANSI Cities Network webinar to highlight City Protocol

City Protocol, a collaborative innovation framework that fosters city-centric solutions that benefit citizens, is the topic of this month's webinar hosted by the American National Standards Institute Network on Smart and Sustainable Cities on Thursday, May 21, 2 to 3:30 p.m. EDT. [Get details >>](#)

### PILOTS & PROJECTS

**Making sensors more useful in emergency response:** Rapid integration of information from diverse information sources can greatly assist emergency responders, yet there are roadblocks. Lew Leinenweber of the Open Geospatial Forum highlights an Internet of Things pilot that will demonstrate the value of open system sensor integration in emergency and disaster response. [MORE >>](#)

### PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

**Short takes from Council partners:** Civic Resource Group joins Microsoft CityNext... Bechtel, CH2M and Black & Veatch ranked as top design firms... CNN highlights Hutchison Kinrot portfolio companies' water solutions... Intel and Fujitsu partner on Internet of Things platform

### JESSE'S PICKS

#### Smart Cities Now

The Council's summer forum -- Smart Cities Now: Building Blocks for an Urban Vision -- will be June 24 in Nice, France in conjunction with the Innovative City conference. Presented by the Smart Cities Council and hosted by Council Lead Partner Alstom Grid, the invitation-only event provides engaging dialogue and networking opportunities with pioneering city leaders in Europe. If you'd like to nominate someone from your city to attend, [please contact Sarah Blanchard.](#)

### SMART CITY EVENTS

5.20: Metropolitan Solutions -- Berlin

5.27: Designed-in Cybersecurity for Smart Cities -- Gaithersburg, Maryland

5.31: ACEEE Energy Efficiency Finance Forum -- San Francisco

6.3: TU-Automotive Detroit -- Detroit

for public sector... 2015 IoT Evolution Product of the Year award goes to Silver Spring Networks. [MORE >>](#)

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**9.14: Smart Cities Week & Expo**  
-- Washington, D.C.

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