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I hope you have made plans to join us for Smart Cities Week, which is just three weeks away. We've put together a great program with insights from leading cities like **Dubai** and **Seattle**. You will learn how to get **traffic flowing** and to be more **compassionate**. And you'll get to see solutions from our partners in person. Don't miss out. **Register today** .

Now you're caught up,
Jesse

Secrets from Dubai: How smart initiatives saved $1 billion. It's an incredible ROI: for every $1 Dubai spent on smart initiatives, it got a return of more than $5. At Smart Cities Week, Dr. Aisha Bin Bishr, director general of the Smart Dubai Office, will share how the city's efforts put it on the map as a smart cities leader.

Lessons from a CTO: Seattle's path to becoming smarter. From improving traffic flow to managing water from flash floods, Seattle is using technology to make a difference. Chief Technology Officer Michael Mattmiller will share what Seattle has learned at Smart Cities Week. Get a preview here.

What are the feds doing for smart cities? More than you might think. Does your city have the financing and technological know-how it needs to plan and deploy smart transportation and mobility projects? If not, read our story for details about examples of programs the U.S. Department of Transportation has in place that may meet your needs.

Sustainable smart cities need reliable water. Water and wastewater utilities share similar challenges, among them less funding and more strict regulatory compliance requirements. Learn how (and why) smart water systems can help utilities overcome those challenges -- and optimize how they use existing data.

Compassion and technology intersect at Smart Cities Week. Want to learn what bright minds are doing to close the hunger gap and reduce food waste in cities like yours? Or how technology your city probably already has can combat homelessness? You'll hear from folks who have been there and done that at Smart Cities Week. Click for details.

Vehicle-to-grid technology: It could be a smart idea for smart cities. Vehicle-to-grid technology, the concept of using electric vehicles to help manage the electric grid, could be a step closer to reality if Council Associate Partner Enel and its collaborators have anything to say about it. They have developed and installed a commercial system at a Danish utility and consider it a major step in addressing the technology's challenges.

How partnerships and interoperability help you progress faster. Cities often have big ideas, but a lack of resources and expertise can get in the way. At Smart Cities Week, Current, powered by GE, will present how partnerships can bring those ideas to life. Read on for a preview.

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