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**How Montreal plans to get smart:** Seeing how other cities cement their smart city actions plans can often help gel your own. Montreal just wrapped up its smart city road map after months of consultation with the public as well as local experts and researching global models. Click to learn what tops Montreal's smart city to-do list. [MORE >>](#)

#### MasterCard takes its Masters of Code hackathon to Tel Aviv

Tel Aviv will be the site of the first European hackathon in Council Lead Partner MasterCard's Masters of Code competition. The series will ultimately see 10 MasterCard-hosted hackathons across the globe this year. The Tel Aviv hackathon is scheduled for June 11-12. [Get details >>](#)

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**4 steps to smarter water:** How do you turn a dumb water network into a smart one that detects leaks and makes system repairs more efficient? A key piece is data analytics, according to Schneider Electric, which suggests four simple steps cities can take to jumpstart their own smart water initiatives. [MORE >>](#)

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#### ANSI/City Protocol webinar

Two members of the Council's Advisory Board -- the American National Standards Institute and Sue LeBeck, chair of the City Protocol Task Force -- are presenting a webinar Thursday (May 21) at 2 p.m. EDT. The discussion will focus on a collaborative innovation framework for city solution-development.

[Registration details >>](#)

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