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Make no mistake: If we don't invest in smart infrastructure, **we will be left behind**. You wouldn't believe the **difference a laptop can make** for a foster teen. Ready or not, connected cars are coming; here's **how to get ready**. And don't forget, Smart Cities Week is next week!

Now you're caught up,
Jesse

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