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If you don't have broadband for all, **you're in danger of getting left behind**. You've got to see how New York is putting the **homeless on the fast track** for permanent housing. And **self-driving cars** are coming; are you ready?

Now you're caught up,  
Jesse

**How slow internet is holding your city back.** Until there's broadband for everyone, your city is falling short of its potential. A panel of technology experts from Boston, Pittsburgh and San Antonio shared their progress toward ubiquitous broadband — and why you need to get started today in your city.

**The moral tragedy that cities can fix (and how technology can help).** Experts believe cities can be levers of change in the battle against hunger and food waste. But more leaders need to step up and champion technologies that help reduce suffering. Are you one of them? Learn more at the site.

**Cities: Are you ready for self-driving cars yet?** Self-driving cars have generated a lot of buzz. However, that buzz has mostly focused on autonomous vehicle technology, and not on how cities are planning to accommodate them. The good news is there's still time to prepare, but the window of opportunity is getting smaller.

**Hard data and warm hearts: A formula for ending homelessness.** A veteran New York City social worker told a Smart Cities Week audience that homelessness is like a bus route to a shelter — there are many stops along the way. Learn how data analytics is helping more people avoid the stop at the shelter or get a ticket to permanent housing.

**Planning for your smart city's future? How two tools you may already have can help.** Planning a smart city isn't easy, in large part because a successful smart city roadmap needs to extend well into the future, not just the next few years. Read the story to learn about the tools two Virginia local governments are using to ensure that future is a sustainable, livable one.

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