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This **gigabit project** could transform San Francisco (and if you don't take connectivity seriously, you could **get left behind**.) This **connected school bus** is closing the digital divide. See what **St. Albert** is doing with its data backbone. Get the ins and outs of **Wi-Fi standards** and see **why LTE-M** may be right for you.

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Now you're caught up,
Jesse Berst

Want a smart city but don't know how to get started? Attend Smart Cities Week Silicon Valley, May 8-10 in Santa Clara, CA, to network with the leaders who are shaping the cities of tomorrow. They are true experts who will inspire you and send you home with tools you can put to work in your own community.

Why a high-tech city like San Francisco is investing in citywide fiber. Even in a city like San Francisco, nearly one in five residents don't have access to high-speed internet. Learn about its effort to be the largest U.S. city with municipal broadband and the difference it could make.

Don't get left behind: plan your communications network. Remember payphones and folding maps? Without a strong digital infrastructure, your city could soon have a lot in common with them. Learn how communications networks unlock the future.

Meet the school bus taking students over the digital divide. To ensure students aren't disadvantaged because of where they live or the activities they participate in, the Watkins Glen School District in New York worked with Cisco to deploy Wi-Fi enabled Connected Buses. Read the case study to learn how it's working out.

How connectivity helped build St. Albert's smart city foundation. When the city of St. Albert's information network was swamped by ever-increasing data flows, officials there knew they needed a better approach. Read the story to learn how citywide connectivity put the city back on track.

How to keep your public Wi-Fi safe, secure and easy-to-use. As more cities offer public Wi-Fi to help everyone from under-served populations to tourists, you need to be careful about how you let people connect. Here are the ins and outs of various authentication options.

Could LTE-M technology be the right choice for your city? The steadily increasing adoption of connected devices and the growing variety of applications developed for them emphasize how important it is for the networks they use to be reliable. And compatibility is a big issue, too.

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