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Will people pay for commuter rail success?

Nobody ever wants to pay more taxes, but officials in Phoenix, Arizona are betting residents will invest even more in a commuter rail system that's proving wildly popular. See what Phoenix and other cities have learned about building systems that commuters want.

UK firms back Litter Manifesto

Execs from chewing gum and fast food giants to waste solutions expert Veolia are among the civic and private sector leaders in the UK pledging support for an effort to tidy up local spaces. Find out why.

Webinar: Standard for cloud privacy

Microsoft strategist Laura Lindsay is featured speaker at a Thursday, Aug. 27, webinar hosted by the American National Standards Institute Network on Smart and Sustainable Cities. She'll discuss an approach for protecting personally identifiable information stored in the public cloud, starting at 11 a.m. EDT.

Take a peek at urban mobility's future

MasterCard is teaming with travel intelligence firm Skift to spotlight how major destination cities are preparing for the new age of urban mobility. Click for ideas you can borrow from their Future Cities project, including a look at Dubai's ambitious and innovative mobility agenda.

Latin America's solar grandmas

How do you get electricity to remote populations? An Indian NGO and Italian utility Enel are using the Barefoot College model -- recruiting and training young grandmothers from Latin America to build and maintain small solar power installations. Click the headline for details.

Who will you meet in D.C.?

Conferences are meant to be part education, part inspiration -- and Smart Cities Week will certainly be all of that. But the Sept. 15-17 event in Washington, D.C. is also an opportunity to network, to meet people and to engage with future FOYCs (Friends of Your City). Why wait? Click the headline and register today.

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