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This issue is all about data: collecting it and doing something meaningful with it. Learn from **these three leaders**. Use these tips to **build your own data strategy**. See how to **separate facts from feelings**. And don't miss this lesson on how to **get more from your projects**.

Now you're caught up,
Jesse Berst

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3 steps to unlock powerful insights from your data. Your city may do a good job collecting data, but what do you actually do with it? From data collection to analysis, here are three tips to unlock insights that help make a meaningful difference for your citizens.

Facts or feelings: How NYC found truth in data. New York's Car Free Earth Day felt like a success, but was it? See how Cubic Transportation Systems pulled data from transit ridership to retail sales to find the truth among the anecdotes.

How data helps utilities cut costs — and helps customers do the same. Is it possible to cut utility operating costs and improve customer service at the same time? Here's how data helped an Illinois water utility save \$250,000 a year while keeping customers engaged — and happier.

10 most compassionate cities in the U.S.? Here's one data-driven take on it. Realtor.com has done the math on a bunch of indicators — from percentage of income donated to percentage of people working in social services and nonprofits — to come up with its list of the most compassionate cities in America. Is yours on it?

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