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Five secrets to building a robust digital infrastructure

You cannot afford to make your digital infrastructure an afterthought. The ability for your systems to talk to each other is at the very heart of what it means to be a smart city. Read on for a checklist of five components of an effective digital infrastructure strategy.

Will electric highways be coming to your city?

Tweaking existing technologies to create new ones happens all the time. But borrowing 150-year-old technology to provide solutions for today's air quality problems is, well—a little different. Read the story to learn how (and why) Siemens is testing old street car technology to power today's new electric trucks.

Compassionate Cities

What a compassionate public transit system can mean for a city's poor

A new Bus Rapid Transit pilot in Columbus will deliver more than a fast ride across town. Proponents cite multiple ways the new CMAX line can improve lives for seniors, disabled and low-income residents. And Columbus isn't alone; read about other ways rethinking mobility is helping the poor.

Live stream: You can participate in the World Smart City Forum

The World Smart City Forum will take place next Wednesday, July 13, in Singapore, but you can participate even if you can't attend the event. A live stream beginning at 9:00 Singapore time (UTC +8) allows you gain expert insight on energy, water, mobility and cybersecurity and discuss strategies and tools that are already available. Submit questions now on social media with the #worldsmartcity2016 hashtag.

What cities need from governments: Advice from Austin all-stars

The success of a smart city is largely determined by how connected it is, not only internally, but with other levels of government. A recent panel

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discussion in Austin highlighted ways that governments can work better together to more effectively allocate resources, better educate students and more.

UPCOMING SMART CITY EVENTS

7.14: Prioritizing Resiliency - Webinar

7.29: China Smarter Cities International Expo - Beijing, China

8.15: Waste Conversion Technology Conference - San Diego, California

8.21: Summer Study on Energy Efficiency in Buildings - Pacific Grove, California

9.27: Smart Cities Week - Washington, D.C.