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NEWS & TRENDS

Investors are betting on cities: A smart cities project is really an investment in the community -- and more investors today are starting to see it that way (and acting on it). Learn about investment trends and what investors say cities should do to attract them. [MORE >>](#)

Bloomberg's \$42 million for mid-sized cities: A new initiative from Bloomberg Philanthropies aims to help city leaders use data and evidence to make government more effective and improve people's lives. U.S. cities with populations between 100,000 and 1 million are invited to apply. Learn how at the site. [MORE >>](#)

Drought makes meters matter: San Francisco has embraced smart water meters like few other places in the world. More than 96% of the city's 178,000 water accounts are monitored by digital devices -- most of them provided by Elster. But can they help the Golden State cope with its interminable drought? Early evidence suggests yes. [MORE >>](#)

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WORTH WATCHING

Transport for London's success story: Transport for London (TfL) first introduced contactless payments on London buses in 2012 and two years later extended them to cover all modes of travel on the world's largest contactless pay-as-you-go network -- covering bus, rail, Tube and tram. This video from Cubic Transportation Systems highlights the exciting results TfL is seeing. [MORE >>](#)

PILOTS & PROJECTS

Free Internet allies: Ooredoo subsidiary Indosat has joined with Facebook to bring Internet connections to the many Indonesians who have never had them. It's part of an ambitious Facebook-led initiative to provide Internet access to the roughly two-thirds of the world's population without it. [MORE >>](#)

JESSE'S PICKS

The Financing Piece

Two must-read stories in today's newsletter touch on an issue leaders everywhere deal with: how to pay for smarter cities. One is from a session at the recent APA meeting that featured investors telling planners what cities need to do to attract their investments. The other highlights a new Bloomberg initiative to help mid-size cities use data to improve services. I also recommend, if you haven't already, downloading our Smart Cities Financing Guide which highlights 28 municipal finance tools.

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