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Want to be a big star with your constituents? Make it easy to **pay for city services**. Smart payments brought Chicago's **transit systems** together. And **money hubs** were a big lifesaver for typhoon victims.

Now you're caught up,
Jesse

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Smart payment technologies (and why they help smart cities deliver on their promise). Cost-effectiveness and efficiency are essential for smart cities to run smoothly and provide the level of service citizens expect. Read our story to learn how smart payment technologies can help ensure those undertakings are successful.

How smart payments make Chicago's transit systems work as one. For commuters, what really matters is getting to their destination. See how smart payments have made it much easier to travel in Chicago, even if a trip involves several transit agencies.

How mobile money hubs helped typhoon survivors recover. After a typhoon devastated the island of Leyte in the Philippines, a collaboration between Qualcomm Wireless Reach and Hapinoy enabled micro-entrepreneurs to offer mobile money services from roadside shops to help rebuild the local economy. Learn more in a brief video.

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