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How cities benefit from cooperative purchasing: Everybody wants more efficient government -- and increasingly that means buying innovative technologies. With cooperative purchasing, as Paul Irby of Onvia explains in a guest post, cities gain not only pricing power, but also speed. Find out why. [MORE >>](#)

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Robot goes to class for kids who can't: Children who can't regularly attend school due to serious health problems are using the VGo robot powered by Verizon's network to interact with teachers and fellow students -- almost as if they were sitting in the classroom with them. See how it works. [MORE >>](#)

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The American National Standards Institute Network on Smart and Sustainable Cities will host its monthly webinar from 2 to 3:30 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, June 23, to highlight findings from the American Planning Association Smart Cities and Sustainability Task Force. [Learn more >>](#)

JESSE'S PICKS

Is transportation one of your city's pain points?

Then you'll want to hear U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, one of several Cabinet members scheduled to speak at Smart Cities Week, Sept. 15-17 in Washington, D.C. As a former mayor and two-term city council member from Charlotte, North Carolina, Secretary Foxx understands the challenges cities face.

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