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Europe's biggest electric bus fleet is **giving the Dutch clean air**. Sacramento's new crime center is **keeping people safe** (and serving as a smart city model). If you aren't **exploring telemedicine**, you will soon be falling behind.

Now you're caught up,  
Jesse

**Just three weeks left to win a Readiness Challenge Grant.** The Smart Cities Council is awarding Readiness Challenge Grants to five U.S. cities, providing customized help to help them use technology to better serve their citizens. Have you applied yet? The application deadline is December 31.

**How two Dutch cities got a clean, green mass transit system.** Two Dutch cities now have some fairly exclusive bragging rights. Between them they are said to have the largest zero-emission fully electric bus fleet in Europe. Click for details about the system and how technical issues were resolved.

**Sacramento's real-time crime center (and why you need one).** With violent crime climbing faster in Sacramento than in most major cities, the city is trying a number of approaches to bring it down. What's notable is that they're feeding into one center. Learn why this is a model for any smart cities project.

**Making the case for telemedicine (and isn't it about time?)** Signals are somewhat mixed, but there is increasing evidence that telemedicine is gaining greater acceptance as a way to provide healthcare to remote and under-served populations. A research study involving depressed elderly veterans is one indicator; there are more.

**Want more reliable energy? Try New Zealand's trick (a giant battery).** You can't be a smart city without reliable electricity, and a new pilot project in New Zealand may help shine the light on a path to manage peak loads and renewable sources of energy with fewer disruptions. Learn why.

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