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## WELCOME TO SMART CITIES NOW

*Updates on smart city progress around the globe*

### NEWS & TRENDS

**Body cam best practices:** As more cases of police violence make headlines, there are more calls for police officers to wear body cams. But the cameras also have their critics. A new Microsoft report collects best practices from agencies with experience using them. Read the highlights. [MORE >>](#)

**Simple homeless solution really works:** Sometimes the best solution is the easiest one. Utah has nearly eliminated its chronic homeless population by giving them homes. And the state has saved millions by doing it. Hard to believe? Get details at the site. [MORE >>](#)

### MARKETS & RESEARCH

**Could your city make urban travel easier?** As populations grow and traffic congestion increases, demand is growing quickly for solutions that make urban travel easier and faster. A new MasterCard report finds most residents in emerging market cities are willing to share personal data to make that happen. Read more on that and other surprising findings too. [MORE >>](#)

### TOOLS & RESOURCES

**4 new tools for smarter city planning:** Click for details on four new tools designed to help developers and policymakers have more success with urban planning projects -- including a sustainability tool Longmont, Colorado is using to gauge the impact of park or street projects on other aspects of city life. [MORE >>](#)

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**Solar+storage powers off-grid classrooms:** With electricity scarce in sub-Saharan Africa, it takes innovative solutions for schools to offer classes students elsewhere take for granted. Learn how S&C Electric developed a combined solar and energy storage system that allows two Zambian schools to offer computer science courses. [MORE >>](#)

**London seeks innovators:** A competition hosted by the London Mayor's Office and the Institute for Sustainability is encouraging small businesses and entrepreneurs to develop new forms of technology to help regeneration projects in the city cope with the demands of London's growing population. Get the details. [MORE >>](#)

### JESSE'S PICKS

#### Travel and tourism apps

Elsewhere in the newsletter you'll see reference to a new report from MasterCard detailing the growing popularity of smart urban travel apps. It occurs to me -- as here in the U.S. we're enjoying the first long holiday weekend of the summer -- that our website has great resources for cities wanting to boost tourism and make travel easier for residents and visitors alike. Two in particular will get you started:

[Smart Cities Apps Gallery](#)  
[Smart Cities Open Data Guide](#)

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**5.27: Designed-in Cybersecurity for Smart Cities**  
Gaithersburg, Maryland

**5.31: ACEEE Energy Efficiency Finance Forum**

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