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# Smart Cities Now

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## Special Issue: Get smarter in 2016

### 3 words to help your city become smarter in 2016

We've devoted this entire Special Edition to 2016 technology trends. By reviewing the articles, you will better prepared to help your city cash in on these coming changes. Yet it can be hard to stay centered when so many dramatic transformations are underway. These three words will help you stay on track.

### Smart cities evolution: Is your city keeping up?

The researchers with Council Associate Partner IDC are back with their smart cities predictions for 2016. The primary focus remains a combination of sustainable development, livability and economic growth. However, that focus will be more sharply defined in the next few years. Read the story for a quick glimpse into the near future — and a mistake most cities are expected to make.

### Ready for GOOD news? How to fight climate change while saving money

Climate change is becoming an increasingly critical issue with growing numbers of cities feeling its impacts. And cities — not federal or international organizations — will also likely be the leaders in doing something about it. But the good news is that cities have more — and better — tools to succeed.

### Augmented reality is paying off for these cities (It can for you too)

Augmented reality, heralded as the next big paradigm shift in computing, has arrived and pioneering cities like Palm Springs and Fort Lauderdale are already using it as a key part of their tourism and economic development efforts. See why it's worth your attention for 2016.

### Are you ready for the cognitive era? See what Madrid is doing already

Cities are rapidly becoming systems of systems — interconnected systems that work together to make cities more livable, all without human

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intervention. See how your city can start taking advantage of the Cognitive Era (and see how cities like Madrid already are.)

## Get connected in 2016: 3 networking trends you need to know about

Smart cities are connected cities and how you get connected matters. Check out Allied Telesys's top networking trends for tools and suggestions you can put to work today to ensure you're getting the data you need and that your devices are connected and secure.

## Don't let these pain points stop you (A new source of help is on the way)

Most cities aspire to be smarter, but there are two big pain points that may be holding them back. Learn about the pain points and why they matter, and be among the very first to join a new worldwide community that can help you stay on track with your 2016 smart cities goals.

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