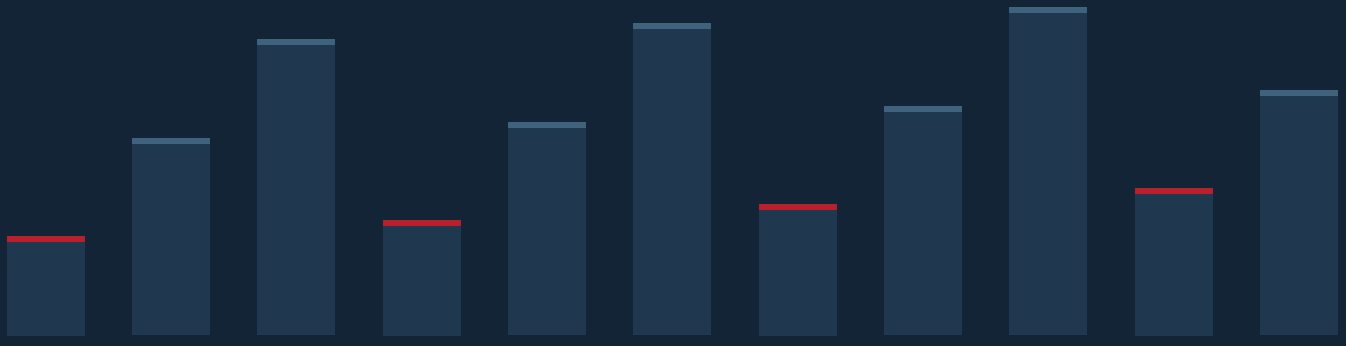
WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE

# Weekly Report on Smart Cities

- 2026-11-07 to 2026-11-13

This edition brings together 12 distinct developments from Smart City Dispatch's published coverage for 2026-11-07-2026-11-13. It separates completed work, policy changes, funding and proposals, retaining the evidence limits in the original reporting.



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The reporting window refers to SCD coverage dates. Individual underlying announcements may predate this week; those dates and project stages are retained in the detailed accounts below. Publication is not proof that a proposal is operating or that an announced benefit has been measured.

# MAIN TRENDS

This week's coverage spans urban infrastructure, mobility, public services and environmental resilience. Across these accounts, distinguish the decision or implementation step documented by each source from its anticipated benefits. Funding, procurement, trials, construction and operating results require different evidence. The development summaries below retain those distinctions rather than treating every announcement as an operational smart-city deployment.

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# KEY DEVELOPMENTS

## 1. Boston plans 14-story mixed-use replacement for West End library

**Boston says it plans to replace the West End Branch Library with a 14-story building containing an expanded library and residential space. The city expects to request federal HOME funds for the project around December 2, 2026; the notice does not establish that funding has been released or construction begun.**

**AT 151 CAMBRIDGE STREET, BOSTON IS PLANNING A NEW BUILDING THAT WOULD PUT HOMES ABOVE A LARGER NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY. THE CITY'S NOVEMBER 12 NOTICE DESCRIBES A 14-STORY PROJECT TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE-STORY WEST END BRANCH OF THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, WITH 12 RESIDENTIAL FLOORS OVER A TWO-STORY LIBRARY.**

The proposal would make the library more than twice its current size, according to the city, and the notice says the expansion is intended to support modern services and expanded programming. Boston's Mayor's Office of Housing said it expects to request release of federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds for the project around December 2. That is a planned funding request, not confirmation that the funds have been released.

The notice frames the library replacement as a mixed-use development rather than a standalone civic building. Its excerpt does not establish a construction timetable, the status of approvals beyond the notice, or whether the proposed funding request will be granted. Those steps will determine how the plan advances from a published notice to a built library and housing.

**Source:** City of Boston - Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds - West End Library: November 12, 2026

## 2. Linker AI describes AI Nexa platform for city operations

**Smart Cities World reports that Linker AI's AI Nexa platform connects real-time city data with government standard operating procedures to coordinate action for public safety, resilience and sustainability. The excerpt does not identify a city deployment or report results.**

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**CITY AGENCIES OFTEN NEED TO CONNECT INCOMING INFORMATION WITH THE PROCEDURES STAFF ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW. SMART CITIES WORLD REPORTS THAT LINKER AI'S AI NEXA PLATFORM IS DESIGNED TO MAKE THAT CONNECTION: IT LINKS REAL-TIME CITY DATA WITH GOVERNMENT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES AND COORDINATES ACTION AROUND PUBLIC SAFETY, RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY.**

The report describes the platform's intended role, not a confirmed city rollout. Its excerpt names no participating government, operational use case or measured result. That leaves open how the system would fit into agencies' existing workflows-and how officials would assess whether coordinated action improves public services. For now, the supported development is a platform presented for city governance, with deployment and impact unestablished.

**Source:** Smart Cities World - Linker AI Nexa brings physical AI to City governance

## 3. Portsmouth port to demonstrate autonomous electric shuttle

### Portsmouth International Port will use an Aurrigo Auto-Shuttle to demonstrate how driverless technology can operate in a live, mixed-traffic port environment, according to Smart Cities World.

**PORTS BRING TOGETHER VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC WITH DIFFERENT PURPOSES AND OPERATING PATTERNS. AT PORTSMOUTH INTERNATIONAL PORT, A PLANNED DEMONSTRATION WILL PUT AN AUTONOMOUS ELECTRIC SHUTTLE INTO THAT MIXED-TRAFFIC SETTING: SMART CITIES WORLD REPORTS THE PORT WILL USE THE AURRIGO AUTO-SHUTTLE TO SHOW HOW DRIVERLESS TECHNOLOGY CAN OPERATE THERE.**

The setting matters because testing in a live port environment is distinct from running a shuttle in a controlled, segregated space. The excerpt, however, does not say when the demonstration will take place, what route it will use, or whether it will carry passengers. Nor does it report that the shuttle has begun operating. For now, the development is an announced demonstration, not evidence of a regular port transport service.

The test may offer a practical look at how an autonomous vehicle interacts with the varied traffic found at a working port. What it establishes will depend on details not yet given in the source, including how the demonstration is conducted and what results are reported.

**Source:** Smart Cities World - UK port to deploy autonomous electric shuttle

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## 4. Terra50 selects 50 climate solutions for potential city replication

**Smart Cities World reports that Terra50's first edition brings together 50 climate solutions already in action, which it says could be replicated and scaled in cities. The excerpt does not identify the solutions or document their results.**

**FOR CITIES LOOKING FOR CLIMATE MEASURES THAT HAVE MOVED BEYOND THE CONCEPT STAGE, TERRA50'S FIRST EDITION OFFERS A CURATED SET OF POSSIBILITIES. SMART CITIES WORLD REPORTS THAT IT BRINGS TOGETHER 50 CLIMATE SOLUTIONS "ALREADY IN ACTION," SELECTED FOR THEIR POTENTIAL TO BE REPLICATED AND SCALED IN CITIES AROUND THE WORLD.**

That framing makes the initiative a showcase, not evidence that the solutions have been adopted by additional cities or proven effective at scale. The supplied report excerpt does not name the projects, say where they are operating, or provide performance results. Those details matter: a solution's ability to travel between cities can depend on local infrastructure and conditions, and a list of examples alone cannot establish its impact.

Terra50's city-focused premise is that existing climate work may offer models for other urban areas. Whether the collection becomes useful beyond discovery will depend on what it reveals about each solution, including where it has been tried and what evidence supports replication.

**Source:** Smart Cities World - Smart City Expo 2026: Terra50 climate solutions launches first edition

## 5. Partnership brings Optibus driver-safety system to UK bus fleets

**Smart Cities World reports that a partnership is bringing MagicEye, Optibus' AI driver-safety system, to UK bus and coach fleets. The excerpt does not specify participating operators, deployment timing or operational results.**

**KEEPING A BUS JOURNEY SAFE DEPENDS IN PART ON THE PERSON BEHIND THE WHEEL. A PARTNERSHIP IS BRINGING MAGICEYE, DESCRIBED BY SMART CITIES WORLD AS OPTIBUS' AI DRIVER-SAFETY SYSTEM, TO UK BUS AND COACH FLEETS. THE REPORT IDENTIFIES THE INTENDED FLEET USERS BUT DOES NOT NAME OPERATORS OR SAY WHEN OR WHERE THE SYSTEM WILL BE INTRODUCED.**

That leaves important practical questions unanswered: the excerpt does not explain how the system detects fatigue or distraction, how alerts reach drivers or operators, or whether any fleet is already using

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it. It also does not establish that the technology has reduced safety risks. For transit operators, the announcement is a signal of interest in applying driver-safety technology to bus operations, not evidence of demonstrated results. How it will be used in day-to-day work-and how its performance will be assessed-remains unclear.

**Source:** Smart Cities World - Companies team to prevent bus driver fatigue and distraction

## 6. Most transit ballot measures passed, Planetizen reports

**Planetizen reported that 21 of 27 public-transit measures on the Nov. 3 ballot had passed as of Nov. 5; five had failed and one remained undecided.**

**BALLOT MEASURES CAN TURN PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR TRANSIT INTO A DIRECT FUNDING DECISION, BUT THE RESULTS REPORTED SO FAR ARE MIXED. PLANETIZEN REPORTED THAT 21 OF 27 TRANSIT MEASURES ON THE NOV. 3 BALLOT HAD PASSED AS OF NOV. 5, WHILE FIVE WERE DECLINED AND ONE WAS STILL UNDECIDED.**

The count offers a snapshot of voter decisions across the country, not a complete account of what each measure would fund or how much money the measures would raise. Planetizen quoted American Public Transportation Association (APTA) President and CEO Paul Skoutelas saying, "Voters across the country are choosing public transit." The reported outcomes support that broad direction, while the five rejected measures show it was not universal.

The remaining question is what the approved measures authorize in practice. The excerpt does not identify the individual measures, their funding mechanisms, or the services and projects they would support, so the tally alone cannot show how the results may change transit for riders.

**Source:** Planetizen - Voters choose public transit, approve $31 billion in funding

## 7. Florida tax amendment raises questions about Miami-Dade funding

**Planetizen reports that Florida voters passed Amendment 3, increasing the property-tax exemption for owner-occupied homes. The excerpt says the change may reduce Miami-Dade revenue and that county officials may consider taxes or fees to make up for losses; it does not substantiate the headline's $1.5 billion figure or specific transit and parks cuts.**

**PROPERTY-TAX CHANGES CAN RIPPLE BEYOND HOMEOWNERS WHEN LOCAL**

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**SERVICES DEPEND ON THE REVENUE THEY GENERATE. PLANETIZEN REPORTS THAT FLORIDA PASSED AMENDMENT 3, INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF AN OWNER-OCCUPIED HOME EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAXES, AND SAYS THE MEASURE WILL SAVE MIAMI-DADE HOMEOWNERS MONEY.**

The excerpt also raises a local budget question: it says county officials may seek to make up for lost revenue through taxes and fees, with renters potentially bearing some of the burden. But the available text does not establish the scale of any revenue shortfall or identify confirmed reductions to transit or public parks. Those impacts remain uncertain, rather than enacted cuts.

**Source:** Planetizen - New tax cuts may slash $1.5 billion in funding for Miami transit, public parks

## 8. PhilLocal collaboration aims to advance local climate action in the Philippines

**Smart Cities World reports that the PhilLocal collaboration aims to help local governments translate national climate commitments into concrete action and strengthen climate resilience. The available excerpt does not identify participating governments or describe specific projects.**

**TURNING NATIONAL CLIMATE COMMITMENTS INTO ACTION OFTEN DEPENDS ON WHAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CAN PUT INTO PRACTICE. IN THE PHILIPPINES, A COLLABORATION CALLED PHILLOCAL IS INTENDED TO HELP BRIDGE THAT GAP, WITH CLIMATE RESILIENCE AMONG ITS STATED AIMS.**

Smart Cities World reported on November 12, 2026, that PhilLocal brings together GCoM and C40. The publisher's excerpt says the collaboration aims to help local governments translate national climate commitments into concrete action and strengthen resilience. It does not specify which governments are involved, what support they will receive, or whether any local projects have begun.

That leaves the central question open: what will the partnership enable municipalities to do, and how will progress be assessed? Until those details emerge, the announcement signals an intended link between national commitments and local action, rather than evidence of completed projects or measurable resilience gains.

**Source:** Smart Cities World - GCoM and C40 team to accelerate local climate action in Philippines

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## 9. COP31 summit focuses on climate investment in cities

### Smart Cities World reports that COP31's World Leaders' Summit focused on moving national climate and adaptation plans toward practical investment in cities and communities.

**CLIMATE PLANS SET AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL ONLY MATTER TO CITIES WHEN THEY TRANSLATE INTO PRACTICAL INVESTMENT ON THE GROUND. THAT IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGE WAS THE FOCUS OF COP31'S WORLD LEADERS' SUMMIT, ACCORDING TO SMART CITIES WORLD.**

The publisher's Nov. 13 report says the summit focused on how to move national climate and adaptation plans toward investment in cities and communities. The available account does not identify specific projects, funding commitments, participating leaders, or decisions made at the summit, so the development is best understood as a stated focus rather than evidence that investment has been secured.

For cities and communities, the question is how national plans can become locally actionable investments. The excerpt offers no detail on which adaptation needs or financing approaches were discussed, leaving the practical next steps unclear.

**Source:** Smart Cities World - Cop31 leaders' summit focuses on building resilient cities

## 10. Seattle awards building-decarbonization grants

### Seattle's Office of Sustainability and Environment is awarding building-decarbonization grants to affordable housing, community and nonprofit buildings, Smart Cities World reported.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND NONPROFIT BUILDINGS ARE THE FOCUS OF A SEATTLE GRANT EFFORT AIMED AT BUILDING DECARBONIZATION. THE CITY OF SEATTLE'S OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT IS AWARDING GRANTS TO THOSE TYPES OF PROPERTIES, SMART CITIES WORLD REPORTED ON OCT. 26.**

The report identifies the recipients by building type but does not describe the grant criteria, the work the awards will support or the expected emissions impact. That leaves open how the funding will translate into upgrades across the different properties, and what results the city will track. The supported development is the awarding of grants; the available report does not establish which projects have begun or what

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outcomes they have achieved.

**Source:** Smart Cities World - City of Seattle awards $4.6m building decarbonisation grants

## 11. Seattle transit measure proposed sales-tax boost for bus service

### Seattle's November ballot included a proposed 0.3% sales tax for transit, which Planetizen reported would raise an average of $138 million annually for bus-service maintenance and expansion if approved.

**A SEATTLE BALLOT MEASURE PUT A LOCAL FUNDING QUESTION TO VOTERS: HOW TO PAY FOR MAINTAINING AND EXPANDING BUS SERVICE. PLANETIZEN REPORTED ON OCT. 29 THAT THE SEATTLE TRANSIT MEASURE WAS SCHEDULED FOR A NOVEMBER VOTE AND, IF APPROVED, WOULD TRIGGER A 0.3% SALES TAX, RAISING AN AVERAGE OF $138 MILLION PER YEAR.**

The reported plan paired that funding with more bus trips, including additional late-night and weekend service and more regular service in lower-income neighborhoods. It also included funding for additional bus lanes. Those are proposed uses, not evidence of service changes already delivered.

Planetizen also cited Seattle Times reporting that about $6 million a year would support Sound Transit 3 light-rail projects, including work related to the Graham Street Station and proposed lines to West Seattle and Ballard. The available reporting describes a measure before the vote; it does not establish the election result or whether any of the proposed service and infrastructure changes have since advanced.

**Source:** Planetizen - 275,000 bus trips are at stake on Seattle's ballot

## 12. Google.org funding to support open-source electricity-grid tools

### Smart Cities World reports that LF Energy and the Linux Foundation will deploy Google.org funding to advance open-source modelling, forecasting and data tools for Europe's electricity grids.

**EUROPE'S ELECTRICITY GRIDS ARE THE FOCUS OF A NEW EFFORT TO ADVANCE OPEN-SOURCE TOOLS FOR MODELLING, FORECASTING AND DATA. SMART CITIES WORLD REPORTED ON NOV. 10 THAT LF ENERGY AND THE LINUX FOUNDATION WILL DEPLOY GOOGLE.ORG FUNDING FOR THAT WORK.**

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The report describes the work as an effort to advance tools, not as a completed deployment or a system already producing results. It does not specify which grid operators or cities will use the tools, or when they may become available. Whether the effort leads to practical use in urban electricity systems will depend on what tools emerge and whether grid stakeholders adopt them.

**Source:** Smart Cities World - Google.org funding advances open-source tools for grids

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