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# Foreword to “Smart Cities in Application”

## “Please Text, Don’t Drive”

As funny as that sounds, it was the statement I made at the Regional Transportation Council, the independent transportation policy body of the North Texas Metropolitan Planning Organization. We had just received an update on autonomous vehicles from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). I was partly trying to be funny, but also serious at the same time. When we reach full “level six automation”, the consensus is that will actually be safer to text while you drive than driving your vehicle yourself! So what is our future really going to bring?

As the Former Mayor of Frisco, Texas, a board member for Collin College Educational Foundation, a commissioner for the State of Texas Red River Boundary Commission, and a CEO of the Prosper Economic Development Corporation, it has been an honor and privilege to serve my local community during complex transitions and astounding growth. I have witnessed the implementation of many incredibly valuable technologies, applications, and concepts which revolutionize the management of municipal facilities and assist the educators, public safety officials, and city management in improving the lives of the citizens and neighbors. In my current role as a Principal at Ryan, LLC, I advise cities, counties, and states on best practices, and I represent companies as they look for sites in this thriving new frontier of “Smart Cities.”

You will see a focus on Smart Cities in this book, but what does that really mean? While I won’t presume to define it for you, I can tell you that my definition includes thinking outside the box of what we consider “norms.” A truly Smart City uses innovation to provide critical services to the residents in a cost-effective manner. Issues such as public policy; equitable treatment for citizens; effective technologies for hospitals, police, and fire; and other public safety concerns are paramount. Intelligent transportation systems which are integrated with command/control will be critical assets for traffic optimization, event management, and orchestration of high-priority travelers, such as first responders. Internet-of-Things (IoT) architectures, cross-domain enterprise integration of devices, and software and management

systems will enable new solutions to common problems. Smart home, smart building, smart grid, and smart water solutions will optimize limited resources and provide equitable, inclusive environments for the residents.

## **Frisco, Texas**

As the Mayor of Frisco, Texas, from 2008 to 2017, I was privileged to be able to experience firsthand some of the policy issues and incredible innovations that lead to a “Smart City.” It was also exciting to be on the front end of the amazing opportunities that exist in this space. Frisco has experienced incredible growth in the last 25 years, from just over 6000 residents in 1990 to almost 180,000 in 2017. Managing this “hyper-growth” required a lot of innovation, an attention to detail, and a vision of the future.

As a case in point, the city of Frisco is in Texas, where water resources are limited. We addressed this problem in 2001 by being the first city in the United States to adopt Energy Star standards for new homes. The innovative “Smart Controller” program was implemented in 2007, so that each new home is connected to a weather station to predict weather conditions. As a result, grass, plants, and other household items use water only when needed. Innovation, through careful management of resources, bold leadership, and matching technologies to requirements, was the key to achieve a level of “smartness” that helps everyone.

## **Innovation Is Key**

In a “Smart City,” innovation will be critical in deploying and optimizing municipal services. This certainly includes new technologies and systems which support public safety. The Frisco Independent School District, which grew from 6 schools in 1996 to 72 schools in 2018, had the opportunity to partner with the city and security providers to create a system that gives first responders an access to maps and live data feeds on calls to schools and an up-to-date access to school building information—all in real-time. These smarter and safer communities will continue to create an atmosphere for families and corporations to achieve success.

In a “Smart City,” innovation will be critical in developing new approaches to healthcare. Do we continue just treating the symptoms or use innovative practices? Do we use an app to summon a health practitioner to our home to treat the typical ear infection within a short period, or do we continue routine doctor’s office visits? With an innovative approach, the doctor may use augmented/virtual reality (AR/VR) to treat patients remotely, and the first responders may have access to novel training and situational awareness tools which improve their performance. Technology deployed in appropriate contexts can help ensure the safety of the first responders as well as the safety of those in their care. With appropriate innovation

in healthcare, patients will experience completely personalized care, and the result will include better patient outcomes and commitment to quality and safety.

When Jerry Jones and I were sitting in the Cowboys bus at the grand opening of The Star sports fields in Frisco, the subject of innovation and the future of sports medicine and research on how to prevent sport injuries were the topics we were exploring. Jump forward a few short years and now, The Star in Frisco integrates healthcare into the recreation facility. In one place, you have an amateur, club, semi-pro, and professional sports and the opportunity to marry innovative research in injuries, medicine, rehab, nutrition, and many other concepts. This is an example of innovation which results in better training, personalized healthcare, and improvements in equitable treatment for all citizens of the community.

Enabling all of these innovations presupposes a minimum level of universal coverage, an ability to ensure commonality of understanding, and a means of providing a trusted service. Implementing a vision of this nature will set apart the truly “Smart City” from the ranks of conventional municipalities. Innovations, such as block chain technology, may be important in the authentication of transactions in the next-generation power distribution. It may also be critical in ridesharing markets enabled by autonomous vehicles. How will cities manage these digital transactions? New technology deployments, including fifth-generation telecommunications or “5G,” will provide a baseline of connectivity to support high-priority, low-latency, and mission-critical municipal services as well as entertainment and social interaction for citizens, businesses, and agencies. How will cities manage the public/private partnerships and leverage of municipal assets to ensure “fairness” across citizen groups?

## **Challenges and Constraints**

All of these technologies will create opportunities for automation of complex processes (e.g., driving, delivery, response) as well as issues of digital trust and security (e.g., encryption, authentication) and policy-based rationale for centralized management as well as distributed intelligence. The chapters in this book outline approaches and recommendations for architecture/implementation, technology choices/constraints, and considerations for this new paradigm which will drive significant changes across all aspects of society and vertical segments in the “Smart City.” Along this evolutionary—and revolutionary—path, the ability to evaluate new ideas, optimize innovation, forecast skill sets, and prioritize markets will be the key areas of innovation in the Smart City space.

Smart Cities and innovation also bring a host of challenges that society must help answer. No one can argue that sending a drone automatically over an area where a 911 call was received helps the first responders become more situationally aware prior to arrive at the scene. However, what about our expectation of privacy? With automated traffic lights that capture video, who will have access to that data? The

one answer that is clear is that innovation will continue its break-neck speed and we must all learn to work and function in this new world!

## Looking Forward

By the time you read this book, the National Soccer Hall of Fame museum at Toyota Stadium in Frisco will be open. With state-of-the art technology and facial recognition by the NEC, you can join your favorite team on the field and visit with your favorite legends. How we enjoy entertainment is changing just as rapidly. A few years ago, no one had heard of eSports. Now, almost every professional sports team is involved. Twitch, OpTic Gaming, NRG, complexity Gaming, and Overwatch League are names you may have never heard. Over the next few years, they will become more recognizable. The US Conference of Mayors has asked me to help the Mayors from around the country understand what a public/private partnership looks like in eSports. The first thing I told them is that no one really knows where it is going, but everyone wants a foot in the door. So, you are getting your foot in the door with this book!

I hope that you will enjoy the unique perspectives on Smart Cities that this book provides. It is a continued perspective on Smart Cities, which builds on the companion book *Smart Cities: Applications, Technologies, Standards, and Driving Factors* (2018). This top-down exploration of the Smart City phenomenon is targeted toward the practitioners, and the conversational nature of the book will appeal to anyone interested in learning more about key issues in this important new space.

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# Preface

This book provides a continued perspective on the Smart City phenomenon, which builds on the companion book *Smart Cities: Applications, Technologies, Standards, and Driving Factors*.

The top-down exploration of the Smart City phenomenon continues in this volume with a focus on topical areas of “smart healthcare,” “public safety and policy issues,” and “science, technology, and innovation.” The contributors with direct and substantive experience with the important aspects of Smart Cities discuss issues with technologies and applications, roadblocks to implementation, innovations which create new opportunities, and other factors relevant to emerging Smart City infrastructures.

The continued exploration of Smart City issues, via a sequence of editions in topical areas, is unique in the marketplace and is targeted toward the practitioners in various fields. Additionally, the practical and “conversational” nature of the coverage is appealing to the readers interested in learning more about Smart City issues and technologies.

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