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Key Themes for Columbus Smart City

- Multiple Projects and Target Outcomes: Safety, Mobility, Opportunity, and Decarbonization
- Smartphone (and kiosk or 'Alexa' communication options) enable information flow (but making access universal is very difficult).
- Need to overcome information and decision making silos across multiple organizations.
- Effective non-profit, private and public organizational partnerships are essential for applications.

Potential Actions

- Existing technology (e.g. data analytics, machine learning and smartphones) enable smart city applications now, but considerable behavior, policy and technology research needed.
- TRB could usefully track smart city experiments, communicate lessons learned, disseminate successful applications, and develop roadmap to becoming a smart city (involving new groups).
- Smart city activities (e.g workshops) are an opportunity for TRB to collaborate with the national academies and other nrc units.