

White House Blueprint on AI Bill of Rights

Metro's Bias-Free Policing Policy and Public Safety Analytics Policy are closely aligned with the principles of the White House Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights.

Firstly, Metro's policies promote Safe and Effective Systems, the first of five principles promoted in the blueprint, by mandating professional, nondiscriminatory enforcement of transit services, thereby enhancing the safety and effectiveness of Metro's safety operations. The Bias-Free Policing Policy explicitly prohibits biased policing and discrimination, upholding Algorithmic Discrimination Protections, the next principle in the blueprint, by ensuring that no data or information obtained is used to support bias or discrimination. This is mirrored in the Public Safety Analytics Policy, which reaffirms Metro's commitment to bias-free practices and the fair treatment of all users.

In terms of data privacy, both agency's policies highlight strict guidelines to prevent the misuse and mishandling of data. The Bias-Free Policing Policy ensures that any collected data respects individuals' privacy rights, and the Public Safety Analytics Policy further emphasizes that demographic data will only be used in limited, critical circumstances with regular audits to ensure compliance; both are practices that closely follow the principle of Data Privacy in the blueprint.

Per these two policies, Metro is committed to maintaining transparency through public dashboards and providing clear channels for community feedback and complaints, ensuring the public is well-informed about Metro's practices, which ultimately align with the blueprint's Notice and Explanation principle.

Lastly, Metro prioritizes non-law enforcement responses when appropriate, requires that all employees, law enforcement partners, and security vendors receive bias training, and adopted a zero-trust model in which all data is verified for quality before incorporation into analysis, reports, and findings, making human judgment and intervention integral parts of security operations, promoting impartial treatment consistent with the Human Alternatives, Consideration, and Fallback principle in the blueprint. Metro's comprehensive policies and the measures they establish are closely oriented to the principles constituting the White House Blueprint, promoting the responsible use of AI and data analytics to ensure equitable public safety operations.