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As Hype Intensifies, Cities Put AI To the Test.

A recent gathering of local officials shed some light on how cities are using artificial intelligence today and how they plan to use it.

One of the best things about new technologies is imagining all the ways they can be applied to our daily lives. That's been especially true of artificial intelligence.

Technologists, business leaders, academics and politicians have all talked about the myriad ways AI could be deployed, from addressing bigger picture issues such as preventing cyberattacks, detecting public health threats and identifying potential offenders to the more day-to-day applications like tracking fare evasion, assisting teachers in the classroom and helping small businesses navigate city codes, permitting processes and other regulations.

In many cases, state and local leaders are already putting some of these ideas to the test. During a panel discussion at last week's Smart City Expo USA conference in New York City, speakers discussed the potential uses their cities have already identified and are piloting.

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