# **A05 Feb 20 Smart Cities ClassNotes**

1. Citizen Services & Reporting

* You can report city issues like:
* Weather and water problems (flooding, leaks, etc.)
* Police matters (non-emergencies, suspicious activity)
* Public complaints (even small stuff like uncollected dog poop)
* 911 is for emergencies; for everything else, use apps, websites, or call Citizen Services.
* It helps keep the city running smoothly without overwhelming emergency responders.

2. Cloud Seeding & Artificial Rain

* Cloud seeding = spraying chemicals into clouds to make it rain.
* Happens **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays,** leading to rain on weekends (Sat & Sun).
* Concern: Artificial rain may have chemicals, so some people avoid outdoor activities on rainy weekends.

3. AI & Public Transport Integration

* Problem: Public transportation isn’t fully connected, making travel confusing.
* Solution: AI should plan trips by combining different transport options in one app.
* Example: If traveling from Katy to Missouri City, AI could suggest a mix of:
* Bus + Metro + Rideshare (Uber, Lyft, etc.)

Goal: Make public transport easier & more accessible so fewer people feel forced to own a car.

4. Digital Kiosks & Public Services

* Digital kiosks are in DMVs, libraries, and parks to help people without smartphones access services.
* Some park kiosks have hidden cameras to collect visitor data (not for official surveillance).
* Example: In the Luigi Mangione case, kiosk footage helped solve the crime.
* Privacy concern: Most people don’t even know these cameras exist.