

The Society and Technology group at the University of Washington's Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) has spent 10 weeks in a seminar studying the proposed ORCA deployment. During that seminar, we came across a number of privacy concerns stemming from the type and specificity of information being collected and shared in ORCA.

Our concerns intensified during a CSE staff lunch where a number of representatives from the transit agencies and the UW presented the ORCA system to the staff. In the presentation, there was no clear definition of exactly what data will be collected and what might be shared with institutional partners. For that reason, we wish to make a data request.

We seek a clear description of what information is to be shared with institutional partners. We would like to obtain the fields that might be included in a report provided to an institutional partner, as well as a description of what that field means. For example, if the "trip id" is to be shared, we would like a description of exactly what a "trip id" constitutes. This description should include all fields that may be included in such a report, not an example subset.

Second, we request information about the process and policies which will govern requests of additional information by institutional partners that go beyond the data fields the transit agencies regularly provide in the reports described above. For example, if the transit agencies have stated that data X and Y will be provided in the report, but the UW and Boeing request that field Z also be included, what is the review process that will be undertaken? Who is responsible for the review? How will ORCA users be informed?