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Even Pokémon GO Metro

It seems as if the entire world is now playing Pokémon GO, the new game that allows participants to hunt virtual Pokémon in the real world with their smart phones. Plenty of transit riders are also hopping on board Metro with Pokémon often appearing on buses, trains and in stations.

Metro wants to help riders catch them all. Numerous Metro Rail stations are now 'gyms' where you can train and battle your Pokémon while you wait for your ride. Many are also 'Pokéstops' where you can gather more equipment. The agency has even created a Twitter handle <u>@PokemonGOMetro</u> to help riders map the location of Pokéstops. The new Twitter feed will also be used to share tips and discuss how the game has inspired users to engage their communities in new ways.

For those who don't know how to play the game: download the app and start walking, which is the safest way to catch Pokémon – please do not attempt to play while driving. For those of you who aren't too keen on walking long distances, Metro buses and trains are a good traffic-beating option with many stations near the type of community gathering places favored by the game. Those playing in downtown Los Angeles can also use the new Metro bike sharing service, a convenient way to travel short distances.

Metro would also like to remind all players obey the first and most important rule of the game: Be alert at all times. Stay aware of your surroundings.

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