

Epcot Beam Entrance Narration (Alternate Version)

The monorail rests inside the TTC station. A TONE sounds and the doors open to guests bound for Epcot.

ANNOUNCER

Welcome aboard the Walt Disney World monorail system, offering non-stop service to Epcot. Please continue moving across the cabin to make room for everyone and kindly offer available seating to those needing special assistance. For the consideration of others, please no eating, drinking, or smoking while on board. Thank you.

Prior to the doors closing, the following announcement commences.

ANNOUNCER

Our next stop is Epcot. For those standing, please hold onto the handrail throughout our journey and stay clear of the doors. They will be closing momentarily.

A TONE sounds and the monorail doors close. The monorail heads for Epcot.

After a brief pause, the voice of the monorail is heard.

MONORAIL

Uh...Uh...Attention. Attention. This is your monorail speaking. Is this thing on?

The monorail's horn SOUNDS.

Wow. That hurt. Sorry, I pressed the wrong button. Anyway. How should I put this. It seems the regularly scheduled tour guide for our excursion to Epcot didn't quite make his connection...Uh-hum. Therefore I will attempt to fill in as best as I can. Which won't be very good I'm afraid.

No. No. No. No. You got to think positive. My grandpappy, the Little Engine That Could, he always used to say, "I think I can. I think I can. I think I can." Yeah. Yeah.

The monorail checks his throat.

MONORAIL

(singing)

Me, me me, meee.

(normal voice)

Second star to the right and straight on 'till morning.

(mutters)

Don't worry. It won't take that long. I hope.

Well, uh, let me start off by telling you a little about myself.

I, I, I'm really an innovation in transportation technology, sort of a distant cousin of the French TGV train, oooh, la, lah. And the Japanese Bullet train.

(loud)

Bonsai!

(normal volume)

Oh, I scared myself. Anyway. On a good day, I can carry over 7,000 passengers per hour, per direction. That's 30 million people a year. Oh, my aching struts and brake pads.

Pull yourself together man.

The monorail honks his HORN.

MONORAIL

Thank you. I needed that.

Anyway, I run on 14.7 miles of elevated track along a small portion of the 46 square miles comprising Walt Disney World. Oooh, ooh, I'm getting better at this. That sounded good. Write that down. Oh, never mind.

If you are interested in exploring the rest of Walt Disney World property, there are buses, boats, other monorails just like me. We'll be happy to take you anywhere you would like to go. For directions, simply ask any one of our human Disney Cast Members.

We've got over 35,000 of them so you shouldn't have any trouble finding one. The trouble is, we only have one tour guide, now that's the trouble.

Think. Think.

Well color me happy. I've just had an epiphany!

A double honk SOUNDS off.

MONORAIL

I shall now attempt to connect my computer banks to Disney World's main terminal. That way I can access all the information you will need to know. This should be very interesting. Hang on.

A short circuit ZAPS the monorail, overheard on the speakers.

MONORAIL

Wow. Knowledge is power. Knowledge is power. Wow.

After a brief pause, the narration continues.

MONORAIL

Oooh, this is good stuff. Listen to this.

The Announcer reads the information from the downloaded file.

ANNOUNCER

Roughly twice the size of Manhattan, our 28 thousand acre "vacation kingdom" also serves as a prototype community, developing, producing, and testing the technologies that allow humanity to peacefully coexist with nature and the earth.

MONORAIL

We're on a roll now. Smoking!

ANNOUNCER

From processing 35 tons of recycled material each day, to reconstituting waste products into surrounding landscapes and soil, and cultivating much of our own food and plants, the Walt Disney World resort operates around the clock in a continually adaptive environment, managing the ebb and flow of resources and product demands.

MONORAIL

They never told me that in monorail flight school.

ANNOUNCER

In addition to encompassing Epcot, the southern portion of Walt Disney World Resort property offers a variety of themed attractions, hotels, and night-time entertainment.

MONORAIL

Well, no kidding. Why do you think we're heading that way. Sorry folks, I'm dealing with an older computer processor. Intel's definitely not inside this one.

ANNOUNCER

At Epcot, the Disney/MGM Studios can be reached by Walt Disney World boat or bus transportation. While serving as a working motion picture and television production studio, the Disney/MGM Studios Theme Park recreates the glamour and excitement of Hollywood movie-making during the heydays of the 30's and 40's. Here, guests are placed in the center of the action as they help recreate epic moments from films such as the Twilight Zone, Star Wars, Indiana Jones, Pocahontas, and the Little Mermaid.

MONORAIL

Oooh, oooh, that sounds like fun!

ANNOUNCER

If you are a frequent visitor of our resort property, we invite you to stop by a Disney Vacation Club Information Center where you may preview a new concept in vacation accommodations.

MONORAIL

Oh, trying to sneak in a little advertisement. A wise guy hey?

After a brief pause, the narration continues.

MONORAIL

Hold on folks. I'm receiving traffic signals for our final approach into Epcot. I'll be back in just a moment. Talk amongst yourselves.

Halfway into the Epcot parking lot, the narration continues.

MONORAIL

We've almost arrived at Epcot, the place where I was born. A place of invention, exploration, discovery, and imagination. Oh, I'm so excited my ventilators are overheating.

Take it away you plethora of transistors with the sexy voice...

Upon turning south toward Spaceship Earth, the narration continues.

ANNOUNCER

We are now approaching Epcot. At 18 stories tall, the world's largest geosphere is known as Spaceship Earth. It stands as the gateway and symbol of this ever-changing, technological and cultural center.

Inside Spaceship Earth, guests travel through time, experiencing milestones in human communication technology and obtaining an advance look at cutting-edge communication tools.

The monorail enters Future World.

ANNOUNCER

At the Universe of Energy, guests explore the age of dinosaurs, uncovering the creation of fossil fuels and future energy alternatives.

Next is Wonders of Life, a celebration of health and the body.

At Horizons, discover past and present theories of life on earth and in space.

The World of Motion offers a humorous tour through transportation's evolution.

The monorail passes the Mexican pavilion.

ANNOUNCER

Now visible on the monorail's left side is World Showcase, a commonwealth of nations gathered together to display

unique cultural heritage and identities. The American Adventure, our host country, houses an inspiring theatrical presentation, highlighting the forces that shaped a nation.

The monorail heads back toward Future World.

NARRATOR

Inside the glass pyramid, you will meet Dreamfinder and Figment as they Journey into Imagination, and Professor Zalinski, demonstrating his latest shrinking device.

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ANNOUNCER

Next is The Land, a pavilion of agricultural technology where Simba, Timon and Pumbaa star in The Circle of Life.

At the Living Seas, descend to Sea Base Alpha and discover the secrets of the deep.

On our right, at Innoventions, be the first to test products and systems soon to be released, and meet with Walt Disney Imagineers as they fuse science and art into the next generation of Disney attractions.

MONORAIL

Well, I could have said it better myself.

(laughs)

Sorry about our little mishap folks. I hope you enjoyed our trip just the same. Now remember to pick up your feet when exiting. Shuffling tickles my tummy.

The monorail approaches the Epcot station.

ANNOUNCER

This is the Epcot monorail station. For those standing, please continue holding onto the handrails and stay clear of the doors until the monorail comes to a complete stop. When the doors open, gather your personal belongings. As you disembark, lower your head, watch your step, and please assist small children by the hand.

Have a pleasant stay at Epcot.

The monorail comes to a stop and the door TONE sounds. The doors open and all passengers disembark. A TONE sounds and the doors close.