The Tomorrowland Story

The land of tomorrow will offer guests a glimpse into the future in this constantly changing area. Here is an exciting, fun-filled, action-packed land where visitors can take a whirlwind visual trip across "America the Beautiful", a race in the "Grand Prix", or take an exciting "Flight to the Moon" aboard a mammoth spaceship of the future.

And by 1972 there will be an entirely new propulsion system for travel aboard a futuristic "PeopleMover" along a climate-controlled pathway.

We leave the past and the present behind and begin here in the land of tomorrow.
II

THE TOMORROWLAND STAGE

THE GROUND LEVEL AREA

This is the most unique concept of design and construction in Florida...or perhaps the world. WED designers faced up to the unique topography of Walt Disney World's 27,400 acres. Because of the high water table on location, it was decided to raise the stage and use the ground level for essential services. Earth pulled from the lagoon area was set on the Magic Kingdom Theme Park site and allowed to settle. This was then tunneled out to create a most unique service system.

Here you will find accounting, main files, the mail room, lock and key control, the photo laboratory, the print shop, refrigeration, food storage, warehousing areas for merchandise, wardrobe, cafeteria, and cash control. This ground level area will be a busy, people-filled operational facility.
III

ATTRACTIONS

* 20,000 LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA

This attraction was inspired by the Jules Verne novel of the same name, which was published in 1870.

The Academy Award winning motion picture, "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea", produced by Walt Disney, was released in 1954.

Guests will experience the adventures of the Nautilus and her crew as they travel "under the sea" on board one of twelve submarines. They will depart from Captain Nemo's base, Vulcana, and glide through twenty adventures designed by WED Enterprises. Guests will see divers harvesting seaweed and roping a giant turtle. They will view Viking ships trapped in an iceberg and pass through the lost city of Atlantis. Their voyage will be climaxed by a confrontation with a giant squid which almost destroys the sub.

The subs were designed by MAPO and built at the Tampa Shipyards. Guests will board the ship by means of an air-operated load ramp and descend through the hydraulic hatches where they will be below the waterline. Air will create bubbles to give a diving effect as the Nautilus leaves on this exciting adventure.
FANTASYLAND SKYWAY---FROM TOMORROWLAND

The Fantasyland Skyway is only the second of its kind installed in the United States. The first was built and installed in Disneyland in 1956.

Here at Walt Disney World, 64 four-passenger cabins will transport guests between Fantasyland and Tomorrowland. The Skyway carries the guests high above Fantasyland for a bird's-eye view of Walt Disney World...especially It's a Small World, Peter Pan's Flight, The Mickey Mouse Revue, Pinocchio's Village, Cinderella's Golden Carrousel, and 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea. It also provides an exhilarating view of the Grand Prix Raceway and the Contemporary Hotel. The power or drive station for the Skyway is located at the Fantasyland Swiss Chalet.

It is connected to the transfer station. The transfer station changes the direction of the cable and diverts it to the tension or ballast station in Tomorrowland. The tension station keeps the cable taut and will fluctuate according to the amount of cabins on the cable.

GRAND PRIX RACEWAY

The Grand Prix Raceway offers our guests, both young and old alike, the opportunity to drive their
own car on a Walt Disney World raceway. This is a two-sided attraction of two parallel lanes on each so that guests will be able to compete with each other.

The WED designed cars are equipped with a 7-1/2 HP engine, a roll bar, and are painted in bright competition colors with racing stripes. Each car travels at approximately 7 m.p.h. and passes in front of a grandstand area constructed for those guests who wish to view the competition.

A controller in an elevated tower will dispatch the cars while a special-effects system re-creates the sounds of an engine roar.

* FLIGHT TO THE MOON

The Flight to the Moon is divided into two phases, the pre-show and a realistic simulated trip to the moon.

In the pre-show area guests will visit the Mission Control Center where the Audio-Animatronic director, Mr. Morrow, explains the activities of the Center. There are several viewing screens here, operating simultaneously, showing the lift-off of several rockets as well as an excellent close-up view of the sun.
At the completion of the pre-show, guests will board one of two moon ships for their flight. During blast off, our guests will experience the sensation of overcoming the gravitational pull of the earth. While in orbit around the moon, the passengers will witness an interview with an astronaut stationed on the lunar surface and be treated to a view of the dark side of the moon. Later, after a narrow escape through a meteor shower, they will return to earth.

* America the Beautiful *

America the Beautiful is sponsored by the Monsanto Corporation and is a free attraction.

While waiting in the pre-show area, guests will be treated to an entertaining film and see products from the Monsanto Corporation.

The guests then enter the Circle-Vision 360 Theater for a tour of America. Disney photographers, using specially constructed cameras, have captured the color, sounds, and spirit of our great country. There are nine screens completely encompassing the guests with 35 mm synchronized motion pictures. Add stereophonic sound, and our guests come face-to-face with the people and places of our nation and with scenic locations such as Hawaii, Alaska, national parks, and historic landmarks and cities.
The serial scenes shown in this presentation were filmed using a Lockheed B-24. Line cameras were suspended from the bomb bay to produce this new dimension in photography.
IV

EATING IN TOMORROWLAND

* TOMORROWLAND TERRACE

Tomorrowland Terrace will be the largest fast-food operation at Walt Disney World. It features a Broilamation machine which with a new conveyor system is capable of cooking 3,000 hamburger patties an hour.

On the Terrace's menu will be hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries, onion rings, and corn dogs. It is sponsored by Coca-Cola and will be offering their line of beverages.

The focal point in the enclosed dining facility is a stage that rises from the basement below. Here, young groups of musicians will play and sing the up-tempo tunes of the day.

* LUNCHING PAD

This is a relatively small refreshment area which serves hot dogs, cold beverages, specialty sandwiches, and novelty ice cream.
The PeopleMover, sponsored by Goodyear, is an automatic, intermediate transportation system designed for variable speed and shuttle service.

When completed, guests will board a constantly moving train via a revolving turntable which is synchronized with the speed of the trains. They will then be taken on a scenic tour of Tomorrowland on an elevated beamway in one of the four cars that make up each train.

The Tomorrowland Railway Station, which will be completed some time in 1972, will enable guests to board and disembark from one of the four steam trains that circle Walt Disney World. This is an excellent way for guests to orient themselves with the various lands in the Theme Park.

These four steam engines were brought from the jungles of Mexico to Florida's Gulf Coast for complete rebuilding. The oldest engine was built in 1902, the youngest in 1928. The locomotives were found by a team of Disney World scouts and were refurbished at the "Tampa Ship Repair and Dry Dock Company".

The trains will travel on a one and one-half mile long narrow gauge track, three feet wide. The steam will be generated by high grade diesel fuel rather than crude oil or chunks of wood.
Each engine will pull five open-sided excursion cars with a total capacity of 300 guests per train.

Eventually, Tomorrowland and Frontierland will have a railroad station where guests may board for a tour around the Magic Kingdom. They may now board at the Main Street Railroad Station.

The Skyway Station Shop, located at the base of the Tomorrowland Skyway Station, is a small shop which features small Disney souvenier items.

(*Note: This shop should be ready in October.)

Mickey's Mart is a large store located near the America the Beautiful attraction and features Disney Character merchandise, futuristic space models, post cards, and other mementos themed to the area.

(*Note: This store will not be open in October.)

The Space Port features unusual contemporary gifts in a wide price range. This will be a colorful shop where guests can purchase those hard-to-get items of the future.

(*Note: This store will not be open in October.)