You may have heard that [Disneyland will convert](https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2024-04-18/column-disneyland-just-promised-electric-cars-at-autopia-by-2026) the gas cars at its Autopia ride to electric. I led the campaign that brought this about with coverage from the LA Times. We applaud Disneyland. But the park has said it will electrify the cars by fall 2026--another 30 months.

[Complaints](https://www.sfgate.com/disneyland/article/Disneyland-rides-ranked-by-scent-16734064.php) about Autopia's putrid emissions--going back years--are rife. When we filed a complaint with AQMD, an inspector told us that a Disneyland environmental engineer told her he had received similar complaints. An Autopia employee told me he gets headaches. I read it is ["very common"](https://x.com/ChibiArtemisQ/status/1775231423919816915) for Autopia managers to get employee-transfer requests accompanied by doctors' notes and that employees get hazard pay [because of the fumes](https://www.disboards.com/threads/autopia-questionss.3536714/).

Headaches are one of the most [common symptoms](https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/diseases/15663-carbon-monoxide-poisoning) of poisoning from carbon monoxide, vehicles being the greatest outdoor [source](https://www.epa.gov/co-pollution/basic-information-about-carbon-monoxide-co-outdoor-air-pollution) of this gas. Proximity and timing are key, of course, and Autopia employees stand right next to the cars for extended periods during their eight-hour shifts. Is CO causing the headaches and doctor notes? Or is it something else about the fuel and emissions from some 100 vehicles running bumper-to-bumper nearly nonstop? Even Prop 65 [warns](https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/fact-sheets/service-stations-and-vehicle-repair-facilities#:~:text=How%20can%20I%20reduce%20my,while%20at%20vehicle%2Drepair%20facilities.) against lingering in outdoor gas stations.

Marc Carrel, CEO of Breathe So Cal, [wrote](https://x.com/mcarrel/status/1776145387977421167) to Disneyland describing the cars' dangerous emissions as a threat not only to the lung health of Autopia employees and riders, but to people in Anaheim, Santa Ana, Orange and other local communities.

We filed a complaint about this with CARB last year. CARB never responded. So today I ask: When will CARB measure the air quality at Autopia? If it won't, how will it assure the public, Autopia employees and riders and surrounding communities that it is safe to keep Autopia running for another 30 months?

--Zan Dubin, 5-23-2024