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One thing that makes the “Cars” DVD enjoyable is the ability for fans to repeatedly watch their favorite scenes. Here’s a comprehensive roadmap to the scenes of “Cars.”

1. Dinoco 400 [9:26]. Title sequence introducing rookie race car Lightning McQueen as he psyches himself up for a big race in which he’s set to challenge the current champion, The King, and Chick Hicks, who has long raced in the champ’s shadow. McQueen enters the Motor Speedway race track to the cheers of a packed arena and effortlessly passes the competition.
2. Victory Lane [4:10]. McQueen maneuvers his way through a bad pile-up on the track to take the lead while The King and Chick Hicks make pit stops. McQueen decides not to enter the pit, against the advice of his own pit crew. McQueen says he doesn’t need his crew and ends up blowing two tires just before he reaches the finish line, giving The King and Chick a chance to catch up. The big finish is too close to call.
3. Rust-Eaze [2:30]. While judges replay film footage to determine the leader, McQueen dreams of victory, and fantasizes about winning the rich Dinoco sponsorship and leaving his original Rust-Eaze sponsors in the dust. But judges announce it’s a three-way tie that will be broken in a winner-take-all race in California the following week.
4. "Life Is a Highway" [3:33]. Montage of McQueen riding in the back of his fancy car-carrier driven by loyal Mack, the only pit crew member that hasn’t deserted the pompous McQueen. They leave the speedway and hit the highway to California, with Mack driving day and night, while McQueen rests in luxury. Mack gets weary, but McQueen refuses to let him regroup at a rest stop.
5. Lost [4:40]. As Mack starts to fall asleep at the wheel, he’s harassed by a neon-road gang and nearly drives off the road. A sleeping McQueen rolls out the back and loses sight of his truck as he’s overcome by traffic.
6. Into Town [2:53]. Looking for Mack and Interstate 40, McQueen mistakenly turns onto old Route 66, speeds, and is pursued by the local sheriff. As McQueen tears into the town of Radiator Springs, he makes a huge mess of things and is caught.
7. Where's McQueen? [:45] Mack arrives in California, but discovers that McQueen is missing. It becomes a big news story.
8. The Impound [1:29]. Under arrest, McQueen is held at the municipal pound where Mater the tow truck awakens him the next morning.

9. Traffic Court [4:15]. Mater tows McQueen to traffic court to face sentencing by the town judge, Doc Hudson. Sally, the sultry Porsche who left a big-city law firm for small-town life, persuades the court to sentence McQueen to community service to repair the road he wrecked.

10. Bessie [1:55]. McQueen is hitched to Bessie, a road-paving machine, and objects to his task, a five-day job that jeopardizes his victory in the California race. McQueen tries to escape, but runs out of gas.

11. Customers! [5:56]. McQueen gets to work, complaining that he’s “too good for this.” Town citizens spring to life when they see two lost cars, hoping against hope that the cars will stop long enough to become desperately-needed customers. Frustrated, McQueen becomes determined to finish the job as quickly as possible so he can leave.

12. Doc's Challenge [4:05]. McQueen announces he’s done and is going, until the town discovers he’s done a horrible job that makes the road worse than it was before. Doc orders him to scrape it off and start again. They make a deal: if Doc can beat McQueen in a dirt race around the butte, he’ll stay and redo the road. The race is on. Doc starts confidently, but McQueen doesn’t know how to drive off-road so spins out on a turn.

13. A New Road [2:44]. Having lost the bet, McQueen goes back to work on the road, working all night to scrape the sloppy asphalt he laid. In the morning, the town awakens to find a beautiful, smooth blacktop running through half of the town.

14. Turn Right to Go Left [1:58]. McQueen practices on the dirt track, determined to figure out how to drive it. Doc teaches him how to turn, but self-centered McQueen refuses to listen, and fails again.

15. Back to Work [4:01]. Having a long way to go, McQueen gets back to his roadwork. Desperate for a customer, shop owner Luigi tries to sell him tires, but McQueen laughs him off. Sally invites McQueen to stay at her Cozy Cone Motel as thanks for doing a good job.

16. Tractor Tipping [3:06]. After nightfall, Mater invites McQueen tractor tipping for some country fun. McQueen tries it by revving his engine, causing the entire tractor herd to bolt and fall over. This alerts a giant thresher that comes to chase McQueen and Mater back into town.

17. Backwards Driving [3:41]. Now friends, Mater and McQueen drive back to town. McQueen reveals his crush on Sally, and Mater demonstrates his skill as “the world’s best backwards driver” and dreams of flying in a helicopter someday.

18. Goodnight [1:28]. McQueen turns in for the night at the Cozy Cone Motel and shares a warm moment with Sally. McQueen dreams of the big race.

19. Doc's Piston Cups [2:00]. On the fourth day stuck in Radiator Springs, McQueen is desperate to leave and looks for Doc at his garage. Doc's not there, but three Piston Cups are, revealing Doc's big secret: he's really the Hudson Hornet, the record-holder for the most championship race wins, until his big crash. Doc is aggravated by the discovery and worries that McQueen will reveal his past.

20. Breakfast at Flo's [2:44]. McQueen rushes to Flo's drive-in restaurant to tell all the locals Doc's big secret. No one believes him. Sally consoles McQueen by telling him she trusts him, and she invites him on a date.

21. Drive With Sally [2:00]. McQueen has never gone for a pleasure drive before, so is soon charmed by the gorgeous Southwest scenery and Sally's playful flirtation.

22. Wheel Well [3:43]. They arrive at Wheel Well Hotel, a deserted roadside attraction. Sally tells how she left behind her fast-lane life in L.A. in favor of the slower-pace of Radiator Springs. McQueen is struck by the sadness of deserted Road 66, caused by the destructive completion of Interstate 40, carelessly cutting straight through the landscape.

23. "Our Town" [3:34]. Montage of the sad, forgotten town that was bypassed by the Interstate 40 highway, dooming the once-thriving town to obscurity. Sally dreams of seeing the town back on the map.

24. Stampede [:56]. The tractors, angered over the tipping incident, storm through town, wrecking the newly-painted road lines and causing mayhem. McQueen chases after a stray tractor and discovers Doc in racing tires on the dirt track.

25. Doc Races [4:16]. Doc zooms around the track in great shape, perfectly executing the dangerous curve that keeps wiping out McQueen. Doc speeds off when he sees McQueen watching him. Back in Doc's garage, he reveals that he was forced to retire because race fans didn't give him another chance. He orders McQueen to “finish the road and get out of here!”

26. He's Gone [2:07]. The town wakes to find the finished road and no sign of McQueen. They miss him. McQueen appears, as he was there the whole time, and tells them he has a few last things to do before leaving.

27. A New Customer [2:36]. McQueen happily spends the whole day giving new business to everyone in town -- he gets new tires, organic gas, a paint job, and even a touristy bumper sticker.

28. Cruisin' [2:32]. Having helped out everyone in Radiator Springs, McQueen has one last surprise for Sally: he fixed the old neon signs just like they were in the town's heyday. Everyone in town celebrates by cruising the main street.

29. McQueen Is Found [5:05]. Suddenly, police helicopters and TV news camera crews swarm the town. They've found McQueen. With mixed emotions, he says goodbye to Sally, who thanks him for bringing the town back to life. McQueen is reunited with Mack who quickly drives him away. Sally discovers it was Doc who selfishly tipped everyone off to McQueen's location.

30. California Race [13:40]. At the L.A. International Speedway, 2000 cars gather to see the 200-lap winner-take-all race between The King, Chick Hicks, and McQueen. Humbled, McQueen thanks Mack for being the only one left in his pit crew. McQueen lags in the race until Doc appears along with a pit crew of Radiator Springs supporters. Reenergized, McQueen makes an astounding comeback and uses the lessons he learned in Radiator Springs to take the lead. When Chick's dirty move causes The King to crash, McQueen stops just before crossing the finish line. Chick passes him and wins the race. McQueen pushes The King over the finish line, allowing him to retire with dignity.

31. Back on the Map [2:12]. Dinoco recognizes McQueen's exemplary sportsmanship and offers him the big corporate sponsorship he wanted. McQueen politely refuses, saying he'd feel better sticking by the Rust-Eaze sponsors who gave him his start. He asks one favor though: that Mater can have a ride in the Dinoco helicopter. Everyone returns to Radiator Springs, which is thriving, thanks to new customers that arrive on McQueen's referral. McQueen announces that he's setting up his headquarters there, guaranteeing that the cars will drive on happily ever after.

32. Epilogue [8:09]. Animated end credits show the town of Radiator Springs happily back in business.