



# Island Transit



*Consideration of Public Input on Potential Service/Fare Changes*

*City Council Workshop – April 27, 2017*



## Recap of Public Meeting/Proposed Service & Fare Revisions

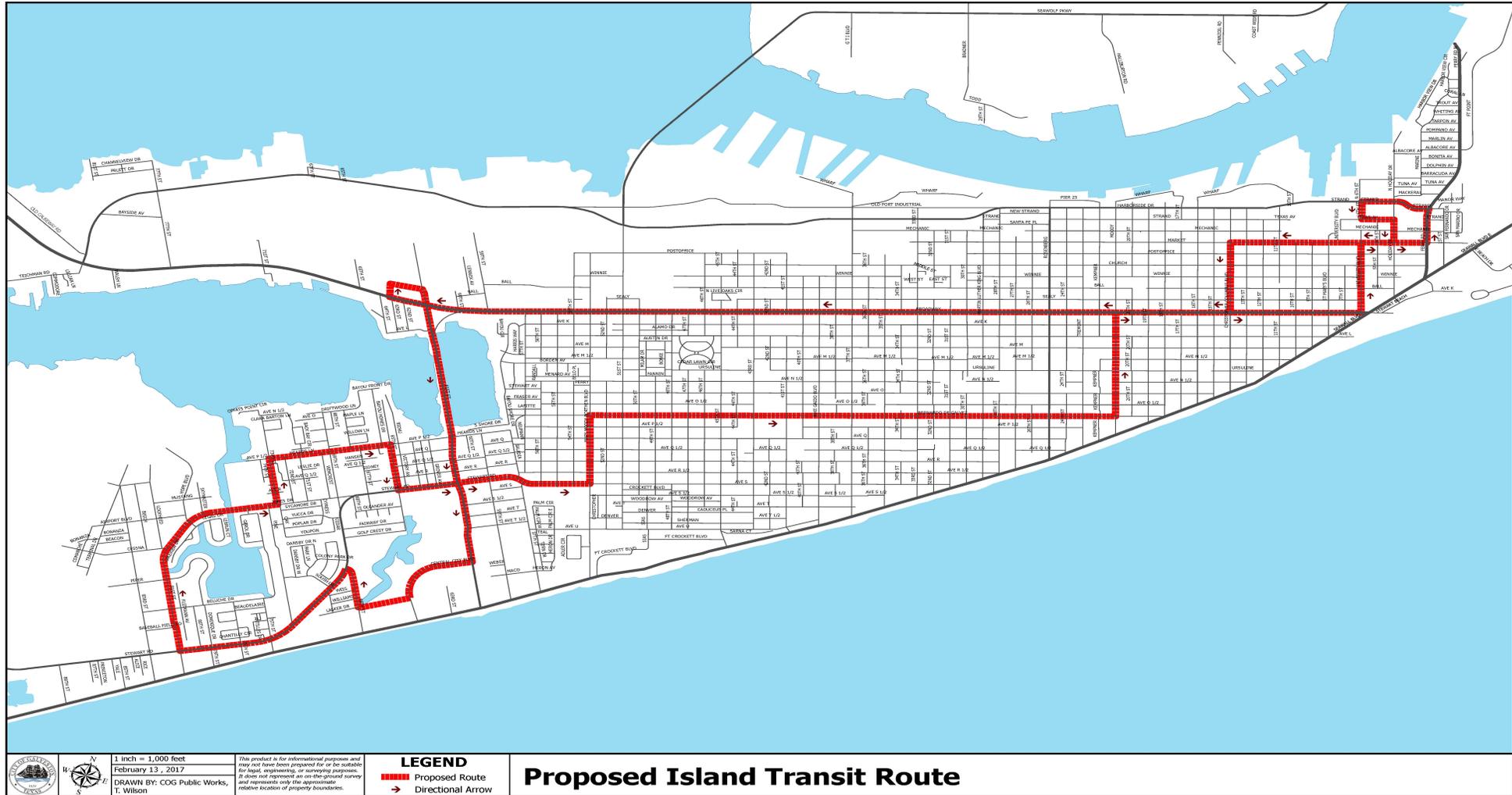
On April 12, 2017, at 4PM in City Council Chambers, a Public Meeting was held to receive input on the following proposed revisions to Island Transit:

- Consideration of replacing the current JARC/Evening Service with a Re-Designed “Lifeline” service evening (7:30 p.m. to 11:30pm) Weekday AND During Weekends.
- Consider increase Dial-A-Ride Fare from \$1 to \$2.
- Consider Taxi Voucher/Shared Ride Pilot Program such as *Harris County RIDES* to reduce and contain escalating Dial-A-Ride costs (Not Required for Public Meeting-But included for Public Input)

There was also a 2-Week Public Comment Period, which ended April 25<sup>th</sup>.



# Proposed Lifeline Service Route



# Summary of Public Comments

## *Lifeline Route*

- Concerned about Lifeline route not going to the transit station (25<sup>th</sup>) which could also affect Cruise Ship/employees (4 Comments)
- Doesn't agree with Route 7 Changes after 7:30 PM, especially not going to Moody Gardens/employees) (10 Comments)
- Need for Service at Night (3 Comments)

## *Demand-Response Fare Increase*

- Do not agree on proposed fare increase (5)
- Ok with proposed fare increase (5)
- Don't stop D-R service (3)

## *Subsidized Taxi*

- Will the price of the taxi pilot be cheaper than a regular taxi fare? (6 Comments)

# Alternatives/Next Steps

- A) Do Nothing (Leave Evening and Weekend Services, and D-R Fares as-is)
- B) Move forward with service and fare changes as originally proposed.
- C) Incorporate revisions to the proposed Lifeline Route and Fare Increase based on Public Comment received.

## Note:

- *Staff is already looking at connections to the Downtown Terminal and Moody Gardens for the Lifeline Service-which is feasible.*
- *Discussion/Feedback on D-R Fare increase requested.*
- *If Option C is selected, another Public Meeting will be held before presenting to City Council for Final Action.*