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 25th.
Proposed Lifeline Service Route
Summary of Public Comments

Lifeline Route
• Concerned about Lifeline route not going to the transit station (25th) 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.