



Intercity Transit Short / Long Range Plan Short-Term Recommendations Transit Authority Meeting

March 2018

How did we get here?

- Road Trip Process
 - Outreach
 - Budget projections
 - Assessment of existing operations
 - Development of long-term strategies to enhance mobility
- Short Term Recommendations
 - Review Operations and Ridership Data
 - Operations/Operator focus group
 - Road Trip: Public Comments/Suggestions
 - Constrained



Steps for Intercity Transit to Address Today

- Strong desire for improvements today
- Select changes can be accommodated within existing budget

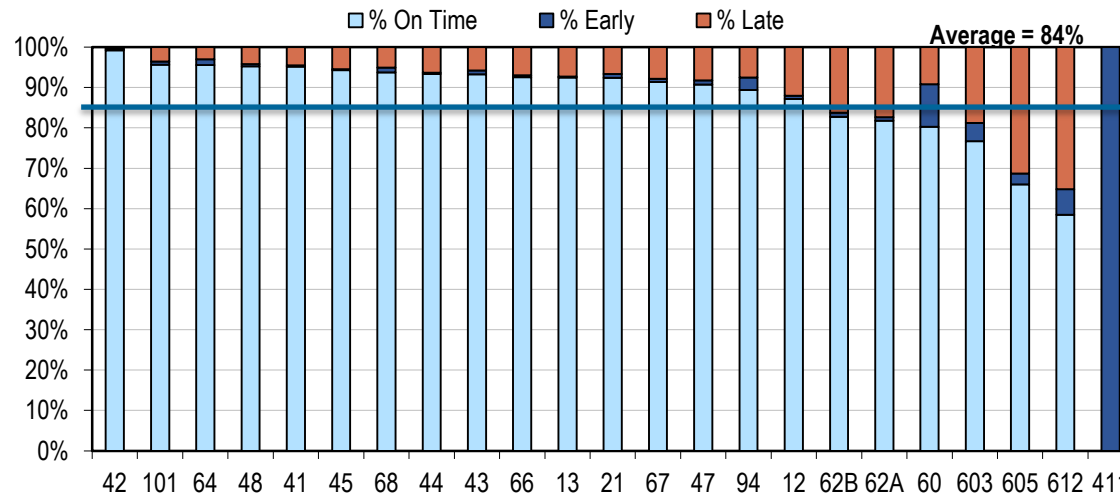
Key Themes from *Design a Better Transit System Survey*

-  ■ Add new services
 - Add service to new areas not currently served by Intercity Transit
 - Operate neighborhood circulator services
-  ■ Increase service and improve frequency during off-peak times
 - Evening
 - Weekend
 - Early Morning
-  ■ Improve passenger experience
 - More shelters
 - Improve lighting at bus stops

Design a Better Transit System Survey – July – October 2017

Short-Term Challenges to Today's Service

■ On-time performance



- Service delays in downtown Olympia
- No service to NE Lacey
- Travel through downtown Olympia is necessary for many trips
- Olympia Express underutilization

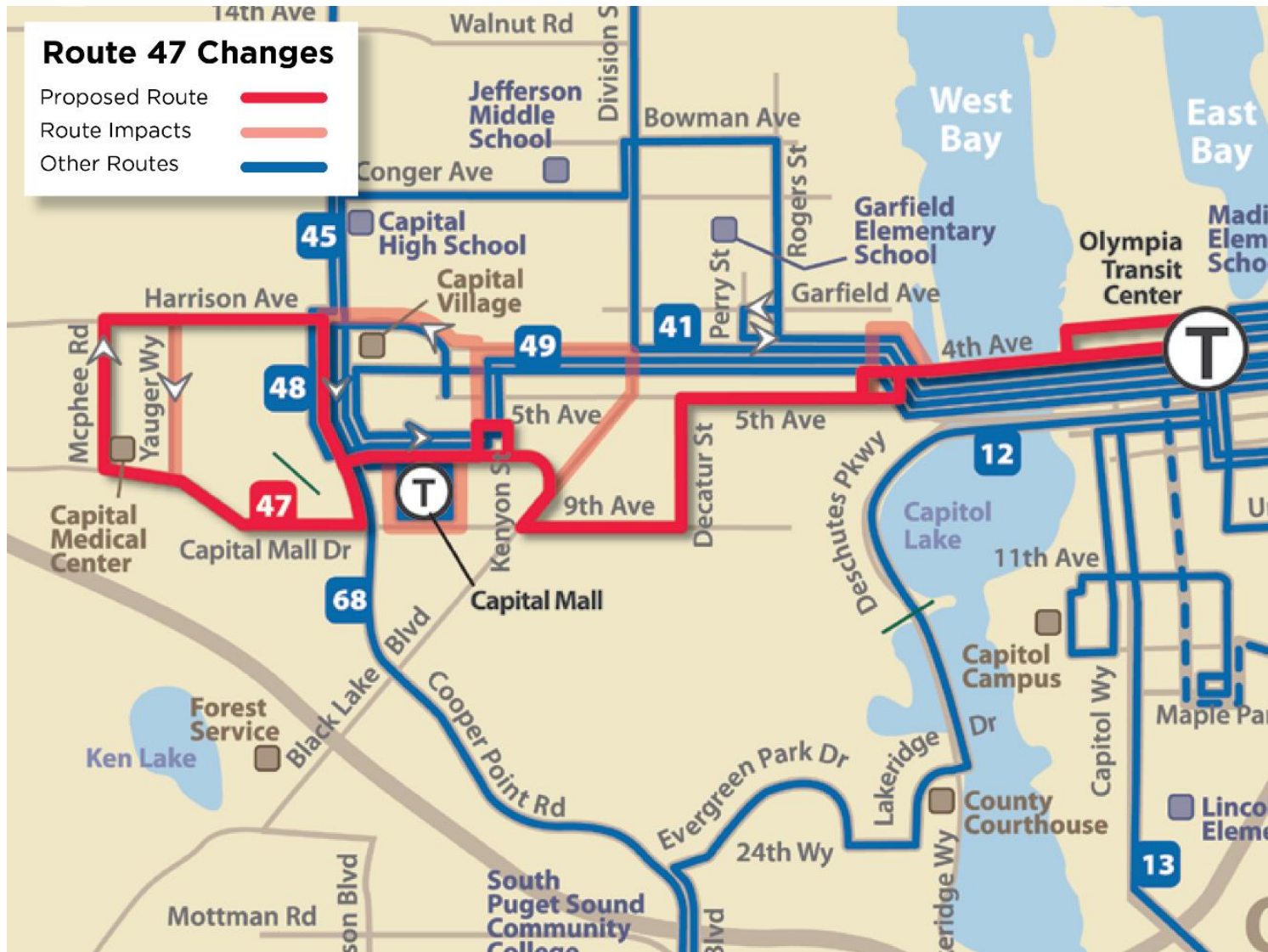
Short-Term Recommendations Were Developed

- Minimal increase in cost is assumed
- Addresses challenges
- First step to begin implementing a larger vision for transit in Thurston County
- Ten routes have no changes associated with them
- None of the short-term recommendations are final

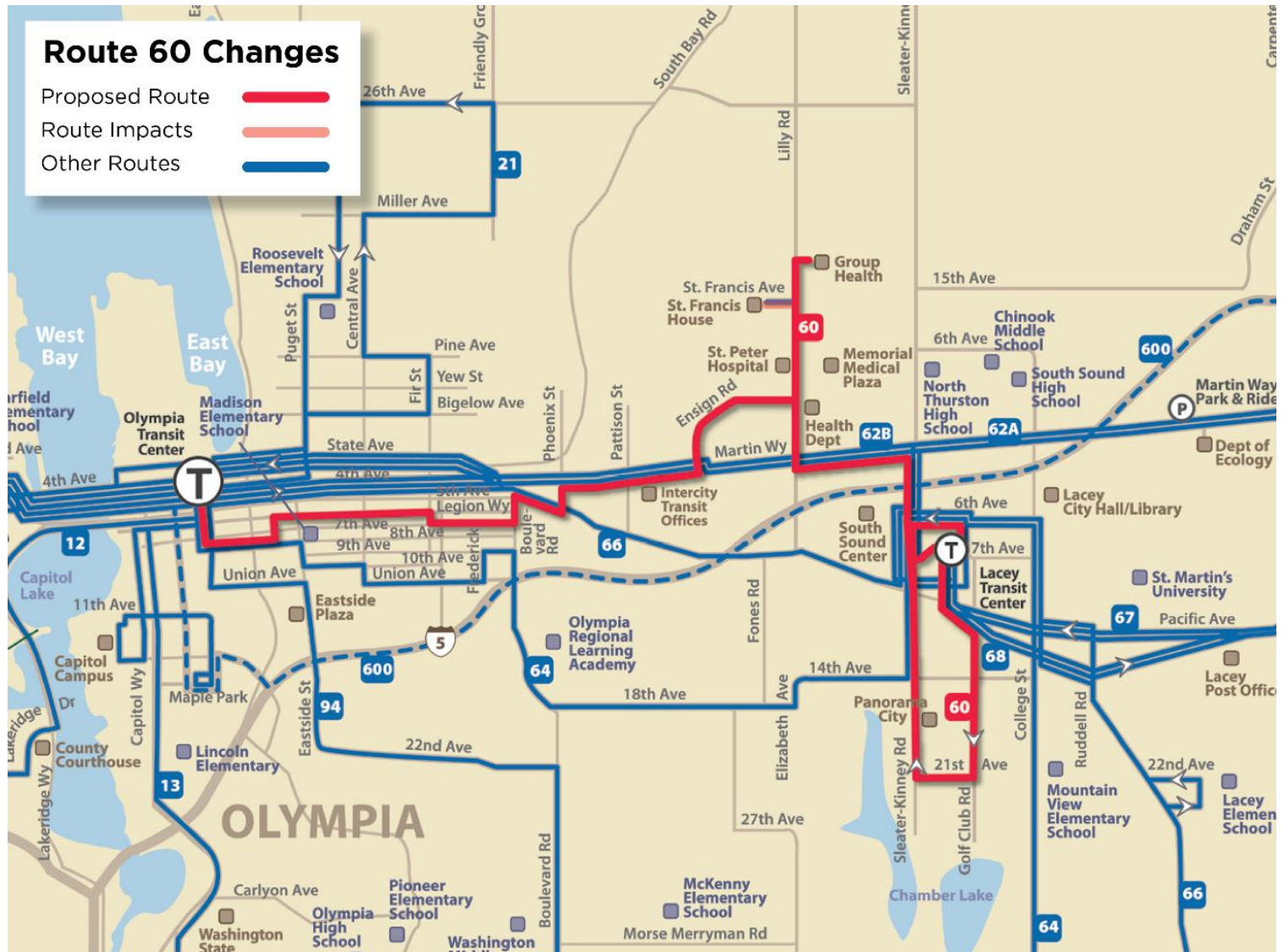
On-Time Performance Fixes – Routes 47 and 60

- Shorten and simplify Route 47 to provide more direct service Capital Medical Center and downtown Olympia
- Shorten Route 60 to stay on time and no longer serve St. Francis House directly

On-Time Performance Fixes – Routes 47



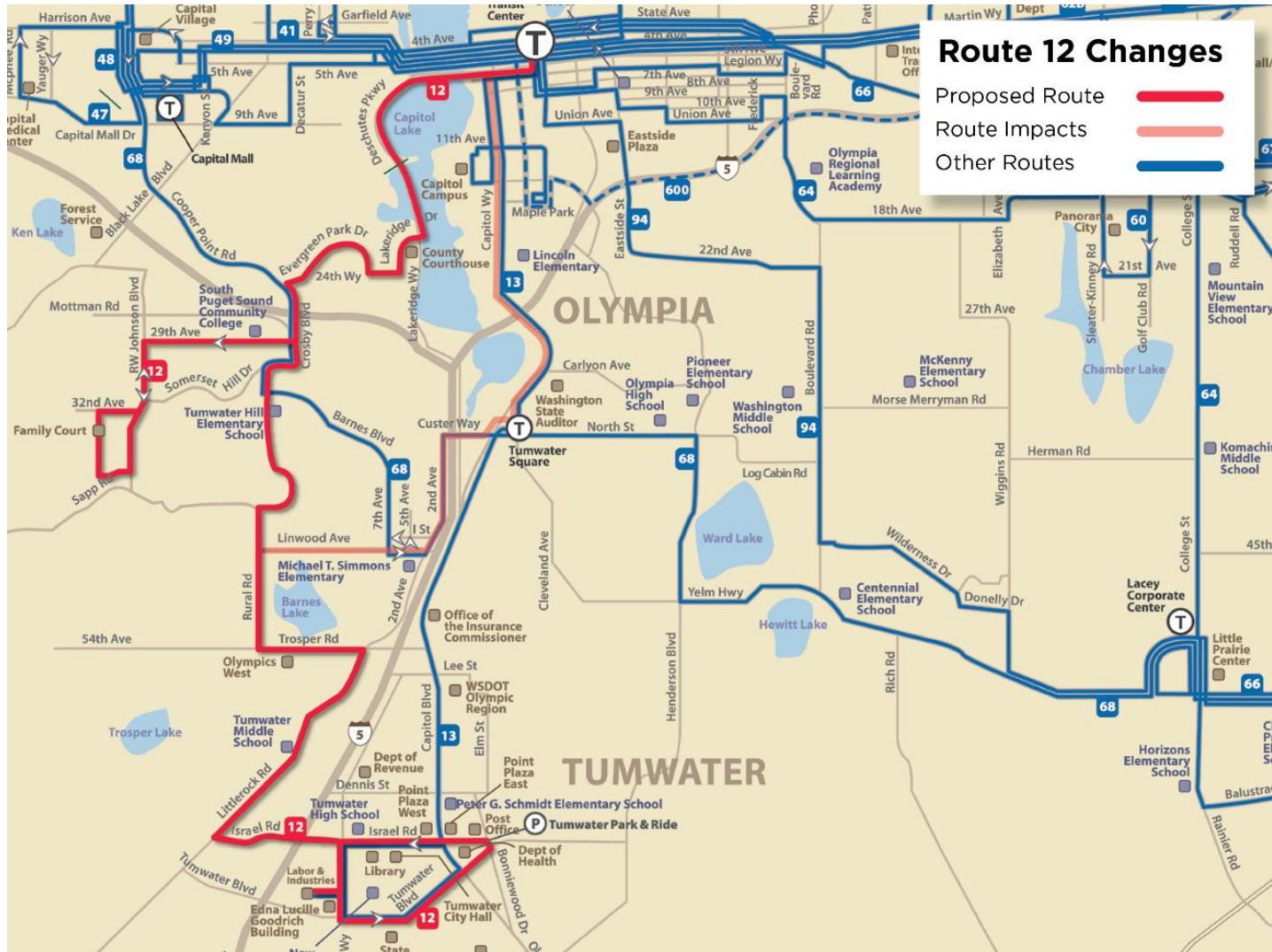
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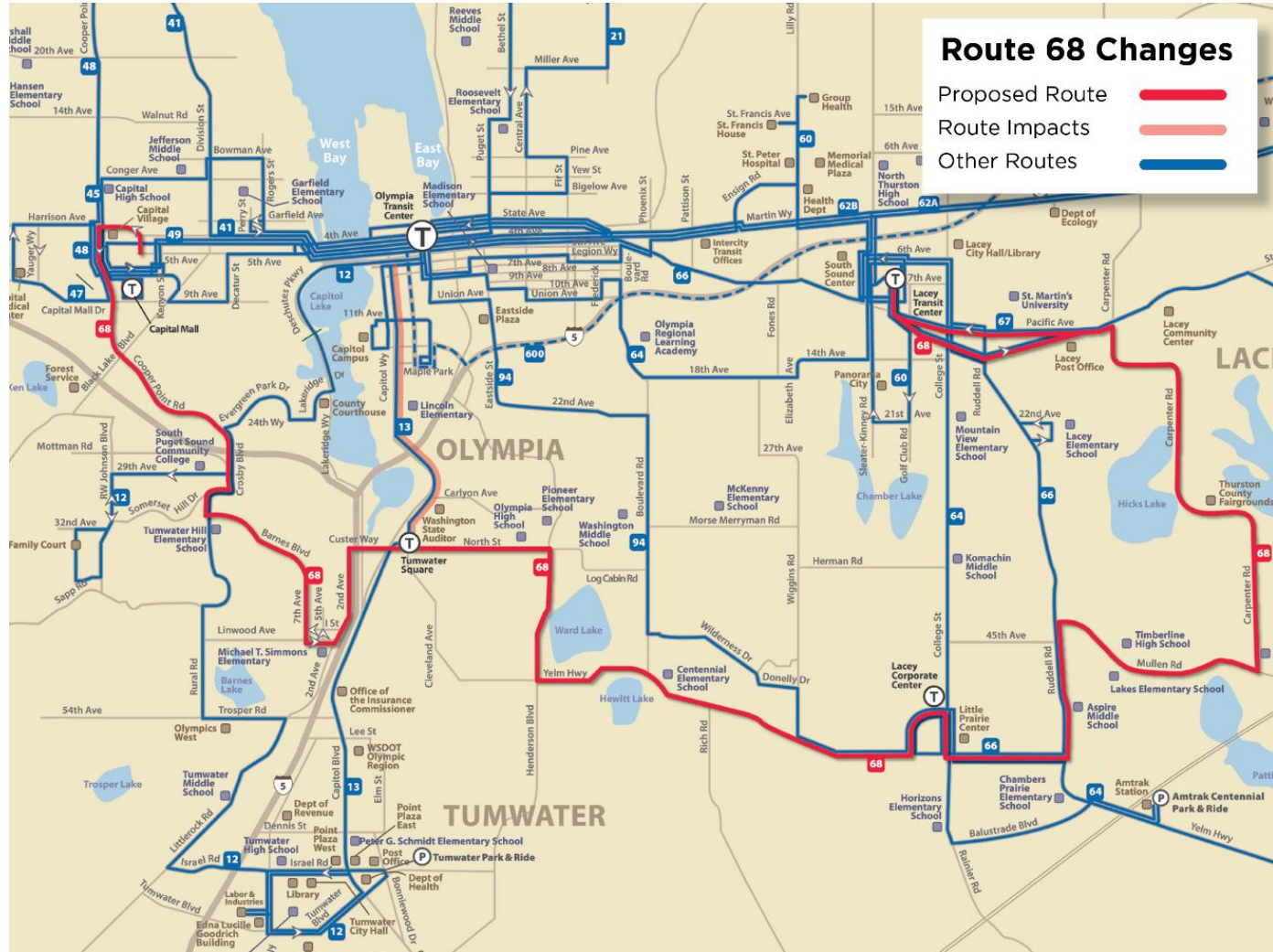
Olympia/Tumwater Service Concept

- Address on-time performance for Route 12
- Reduces number of buses and route duplication on Capital Boulevard between Tumwater Square and downtown Olympia
- Provides a direct Tumwater to SPSCC connection
- Provides a direct south Lacey to SPSCC connection
- Family Court would no longer require a transfer to access from the Olympia Transit Center
- Route 12 service to Littlerock Road would operate every 30-minutes during weekday midday, an improvement over today's hourly service.
- Routes 42, 43, and 44 are folded into restructured Route 12 and 68

Olympia/Tumwater Service Concept – Route 12



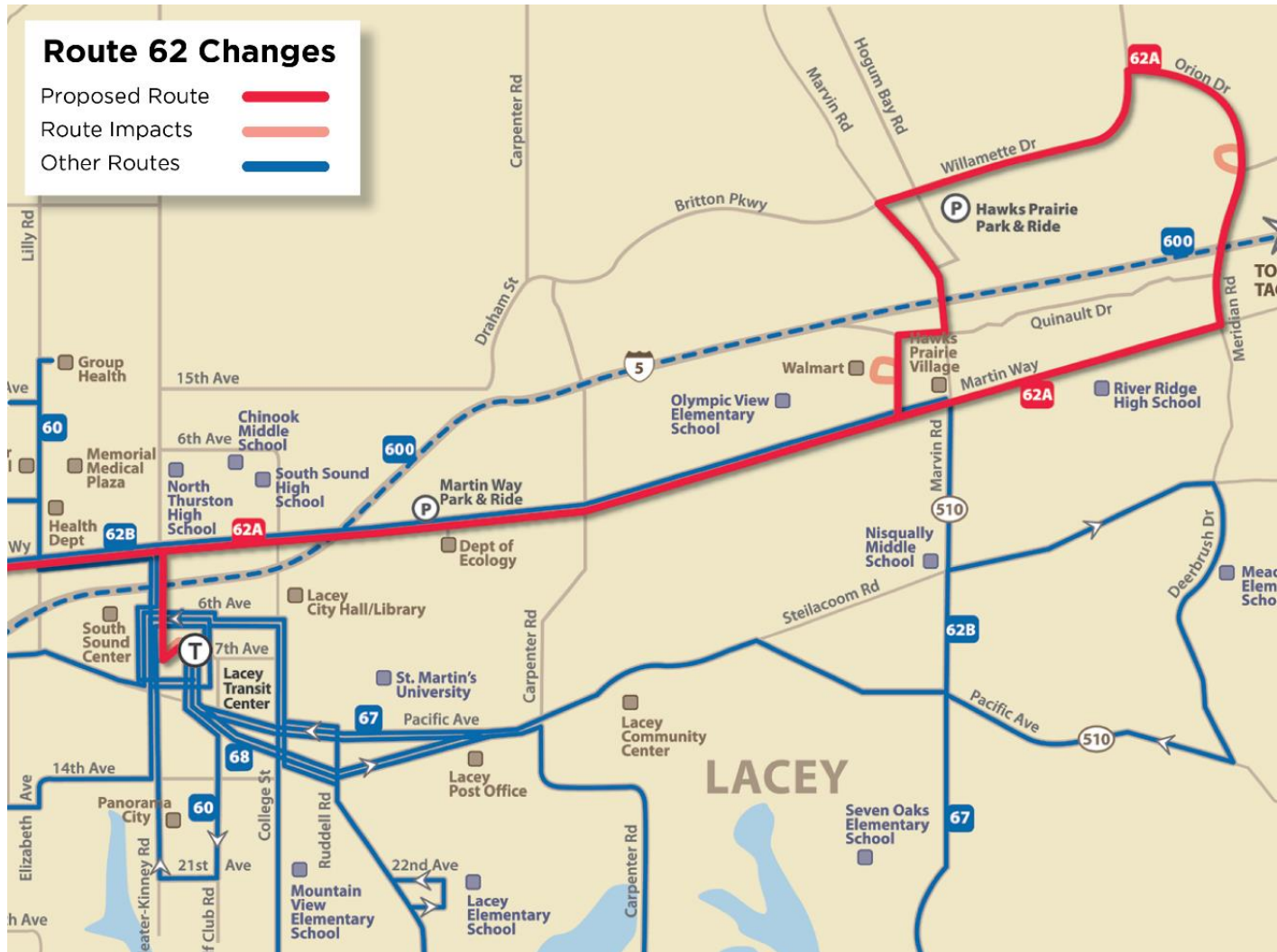
Olympia/Tumwater Service Concept – Route 68



NE Lacey and Martin Way Service Concept

- Address on-time performance for Route 62 A/B (Martin Way) by increasing scheduled travel times:
 - Weekdays: 10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m,
 - Weekends, 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Add service to NE Lacey employment areas – restructuring Route 62A

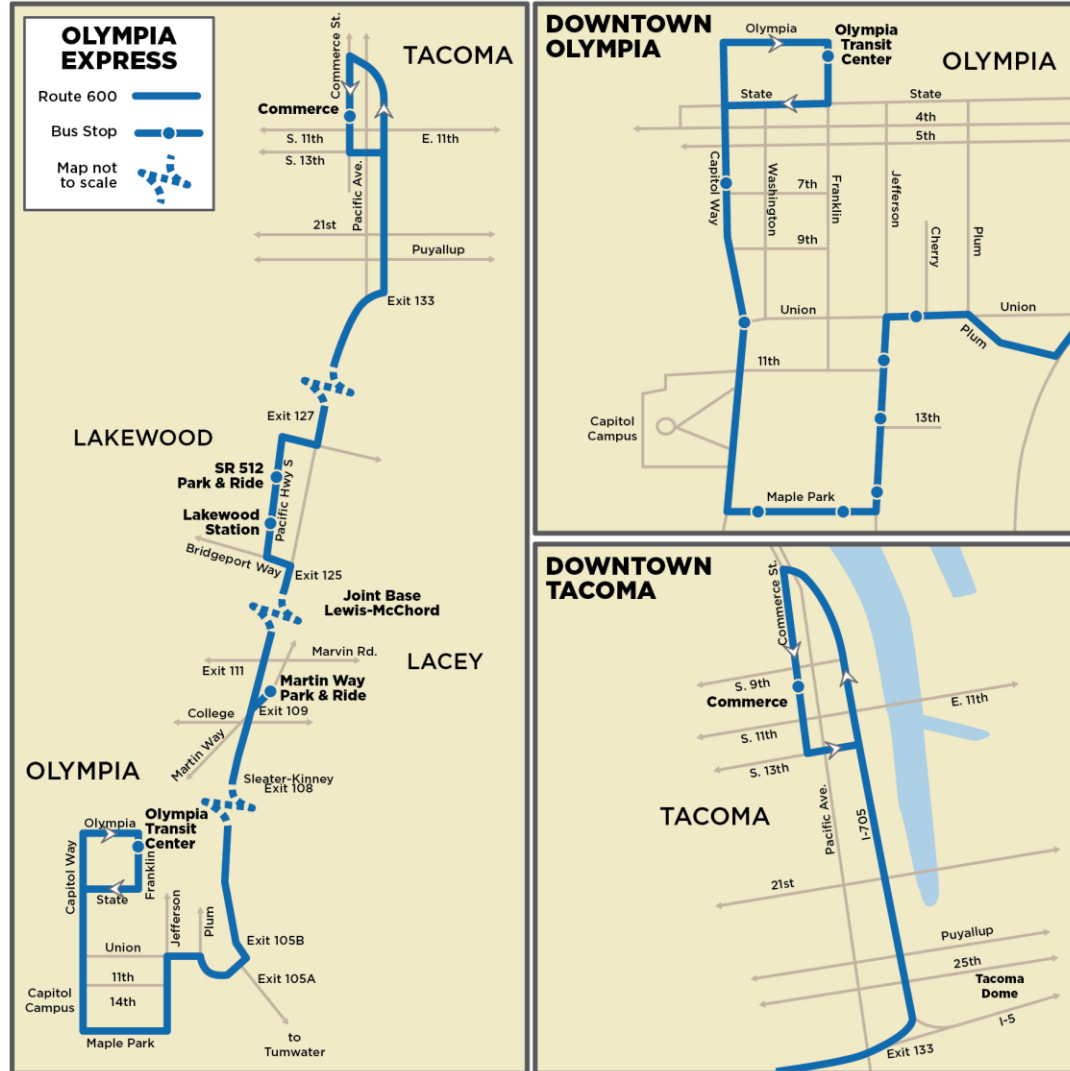
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Olympia Express Concepts

- Demand between Thurston and Pierce Counties is growing, but Olympia Express ridership is not
 - Olympia Express is slow and unreliable
 - Olympia Express is complicated
 - The target market is unclear
- Restructure to create one route that is more direct, faster, and allows for more frequent service
- 15-minute peak service

Olympia Express



Next Steps

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- ITA direction to staff on the recommendations
 - Steps and “go” or “no-go” dates for review
 - Service change implementation plan
- Public process steps
 - Identify concerns and challenges of short-term recommendations
 - Public materials
- Phasing of rollout
- First major changes – September 2018 service change
- **Long-term vision options to be discussed March 21st - ITA meeting**



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