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Graduate and Professional Student Government

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Review of Questions



- How service hours are determined, specifically evenings and summer.
- What efforts have been made to alleviate traffic congestion, particularly in the morning.
- The Texas A&M App and its accessibility/utility.

A large, spreading oak tree with a white text box overlaid on its canopy. The tree has a thick, gnarled trunk and many thick, horizontal branches that spread out in all directions. The leaves are green and dense. The background shows a grassy area and some buildings in the distance.

A Little Bit of History

Funding

History



Transit was originally funded by a dedicated transit fee each student paid per semester. In 2012, the university changed the funding model to pool most fees into one, and Transportation Services was given an allotment. This allotment was not tied to enrollment, so as enrollment increased, funding for Transit diminished by comparison.

Limited budget, limited resources.



Current Fleet Issues



Millennium buses

- 24 of 27 ever produced are owned by us
- Replacements parts have become obsolete
- 9 of 24 currently inoperable

Proterra

- Filed for bankruptcy in August of 2023
- Difficulty obtaining parts and service



Cost to Add Service



Cost of Current Night Service

- Approximate cost for 1 hour of bus service - \$76.31
- A single day of night service is 52.83 hours for all routes combined

Cost to Double Night Service

- 1 day of added night service - \$4,031
- 1 week of added night service - \$20,157
- 1 semester (15 weeks) of added night service - \$302,359
- Spring & Fall would cost \$604,719 extra to double night service

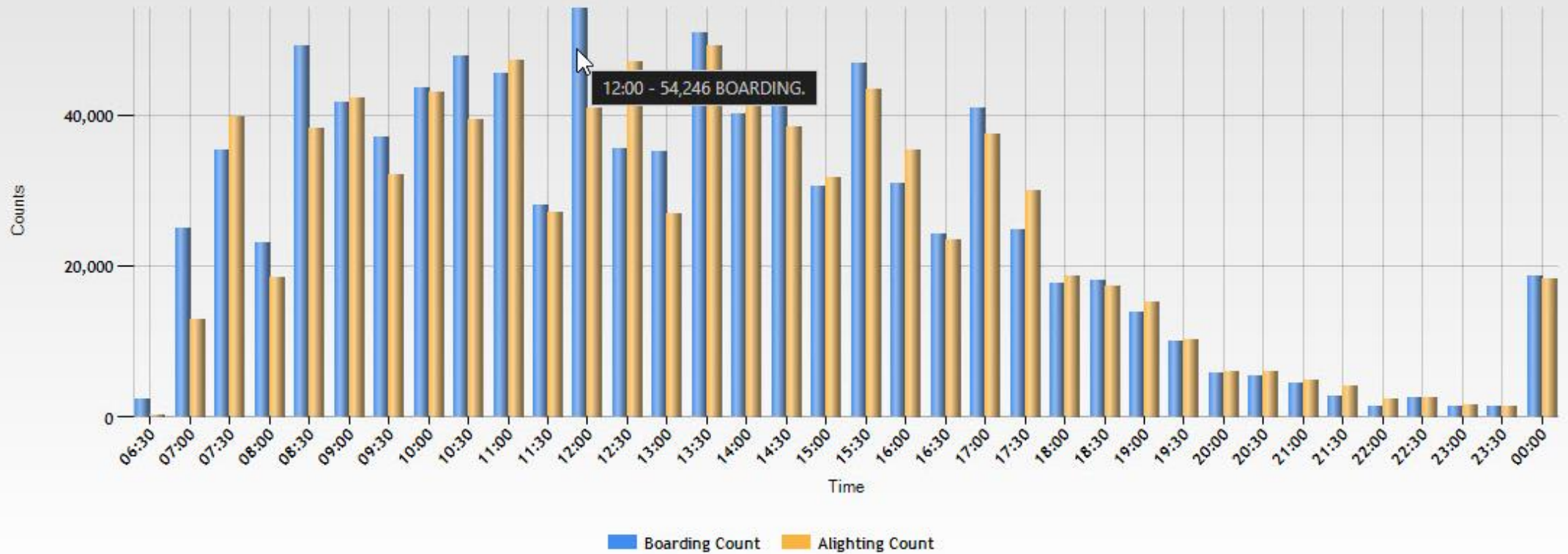


Ridership by Time of Day



Ridership by Time of Day for 10/01/2024 - 11/04/2024, All Routes

Select a Route to see Ridership counts for the selected Route.

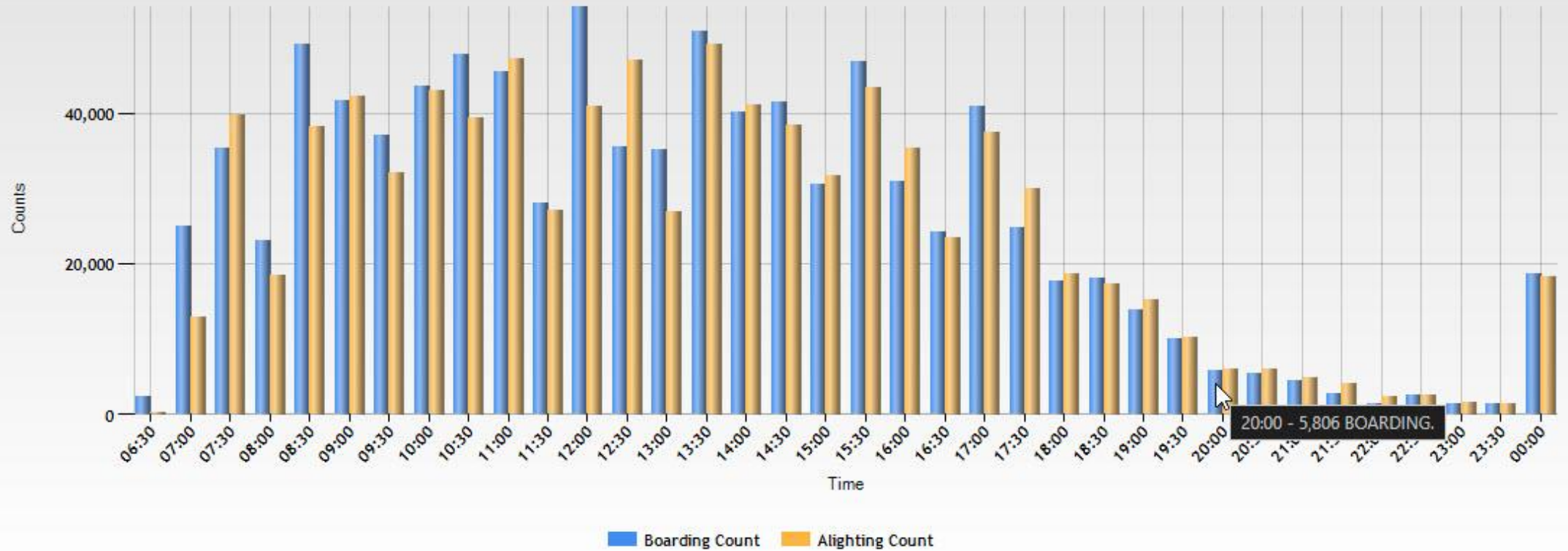


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Traffic Congestion



Alleviating Traffic

By running bus service, we remove between 45,000 – 50,000 car trips per day



Start Times

An increased number of buses servicing off-campus routes with arrival times before 8 a.m. helps reduce rush hour traffic heading to campus



Construction

We do work to adjust routes when major construction will either prevent us from running a route or significantly slow the timing of a route



Bus Route App



- We partner with a 3rd party vendor to host the Bus Routes app.
- The app allows users to sign up for notifications and alerts.
- Shows buses moving on route and current capacity.
- You can do trip planning.

Questions & Additional Info



- Utilize Brazos Transit District.
- Anyone with a valid TAMU or Blinn ID rides for free.
- Anyone who purchases a Brazos Transit ID for \$35/year can ride Aggie Spirit Buses.
- <https://www.btd.org/>
- 2117 Nuches Ln. Bryan, Texas 77803



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