



## Louisiana State University Evaluation (Preliminary) Saturday, November 28, 2020

A rainy afternoon and evening, no Corps of Cadets march-in, Thanksgiving family events and no tailgating meant very few people arrived early on gameday. As if this was Halloween, this was a 6 pm game dressed up as an 11 am game. The late arriving crowd still didn't encounter much traffic congestion and from parking lot observations, the crowd also did not appear as large as previous games. Buses began by running mostly empty with peaks at the beginning of service and again at 4:00 p.m. when traffic began to pick up and bus ridership leveled off. Those that arrived early were treated to an up close and personal Aggie Band march-in marking the final home game for retiring Senior Associate Band Director Col. Jay O. Brewer - the Voice of the Aggie Band.

Meanwhile, out on State Highway 6, there were several crashes from Barron Road to Emerald Parkway that caused traffic diversions and back-ups, a 90-minute mainlane closure in the late-afternoon and perhaps some late arriving football fans. Fortunately, with a small crowd the highway delays did not appear to be huge.

During the game, the parking lot occupancy was reviewed and much of the west campus traffic control was not deployed. Exiting guests were allowed to proceed in more directions than the usual plan. On-campus traffic control was once again very efficient and barricades and staff were removed at around 30 minutes postgame, and the College Station traffic control was removed before 1 hour postgame, right after the LSU team buses rolled to the airport. CSPD and CS Public Works have mastered the new Contraflow Lite plan at Bush-Wellborn and while the plan will not likely play a role when big crowds return to Kyle Field their adaptability has been a joy to watch (for fans of traffic control, anyway). CS Public Works was also on their toes and was able to adjust the duration of the postgame traffic signal timing to account for the game ending a little later than normal.

**Note: Information will be added to this initial report as it is received.**

- Game attendance: 23,607
- Weather: 57°, **RAINY**
- Wind: NE 8 mph
- Kickoff: 6:10 PM- Game End: 10:01 PM
- 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter score: #5 Texas A&M: 20  
Louisiana State University: 0

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## Parking

The Saturday night after Thanksgiving saw the lowest parking total of the season. The Main Campus and Reed Arena/Agriculture areas with the significant 12<sup>th</sup> Man Foundation parking lots and garages were both larger than the Florida game, but the other two parking areas were below the previous lows set during the Vanderbilt game.

### 2020 Aggie Gameday Parking

2020 Game Totals	2019 Average	Sep 26 Vandy	Oct 10 Florida	Oct 31 Arkansas	Nov 28 LSU	2020 Average	Percent of 2019
<b>Main</b>	<b>4,740</b>	2,840	2,570	2,870	2,650	<b>2,730</b>	58%
<b>East Main</b>	<b>1,710</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Reed/Agriculture</b>	<b>9,230</b>	4,050	3,940	4,010	3,980	<b>4,000</b>	43%
<b>Research Park</b>	<b>2,530</b>	330	380	420	310	<b>360</b>	14%
<b>Vet/Agronomy</b>	<b>1,940</b>	260	350	430	240	<b>320</b>	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,150</b>	<b>7,480</b>	<b>7,240</b>	<b>7,730</b>	<b>7,180</b>	<b>7,410</b>	<b>37%</b>

## Shuttle

The Bush Library and Reed/Olsen routes saw season-high ridership and the bus system had the second highest ridership of 2020. With many students leaving campus and not returning after Thanksgiving, the student apartment ridership was down, but not by as much as might be expected. Low Agronomy Route ridership mirrored the low Veterinary Medicine/Agronomy Road parking numbers. As with other games the Paratransit/Worker shuttle ridership was much closer to the 2019 totals due to the large number of workers needed to have a game even with socially distanced capacity.

### 2020 Aggie Gameday Bus Ridership

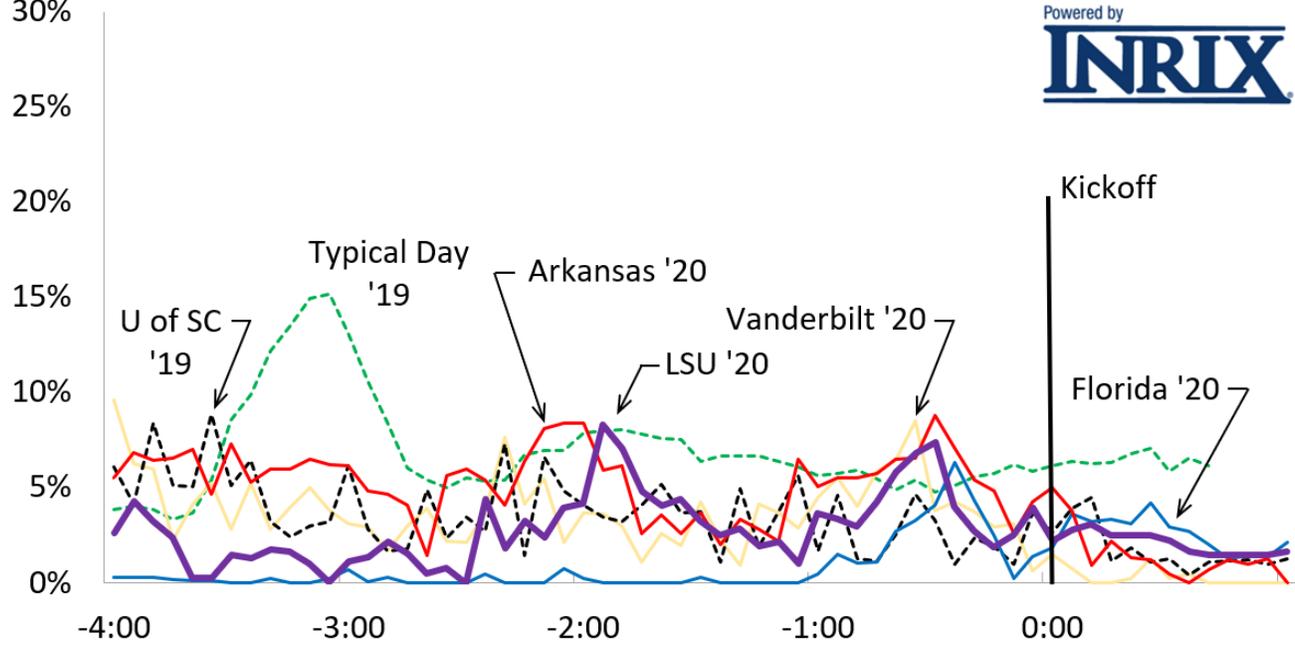
Route Ridership	2019	V'bilt	Florida	Arkansas	LSU	LSU % of '19
Get to Grid	4,780	-	-	-	-	-
D'twn Bryan	1,600	340	250	350	270	17%
Apartments	3,830	760	1,030	1,160	980	26%
<b>Off Campus</b>	<b>10,210</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,280</b>	<b>1,510</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>12%</b>
Agronomy	2,670	500	680	560	490	18%
Bonfire	1,640	-	-	-	-	-
Bush Library	6,410	1,120	1,370	1,490	1,560	24%
Lot 58	820	160	110	220	160	20%
Para/Worker	1,910	1,060	970	1,170	1,140	60%
Reed/Olsen	790	170	240	150	250	32%
Stotzer	1,150	-	-	-	-	-
WHR	1,190	-	-	-	-	-
<b>On Campus</b>	<b>16,580</b>	<b>3,010</b>	<b>3,370</b>	<b>3,590</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,790</b>	<b>4,110</b>	<b>4,650</b>	<b>5,100</b>	<b>4,850</b>	<b>18%</b>

### **Traffic Congestion**

The pregame congestion pattern is similar to the other three 2020 games. Both “peaks” were within two hours of kickoff, easily understood for this game since there was very little pregame activity. The lower postgame peak is similar to what has been observed in previous Thanksgiving weekend games. This isn’t related to the gameday crowd, but rather to the lower amount of community traffic near Kyle Field, likely caused by smaller restaurant, entertainment and house party attendance. LSU team buses rolled out of the visiting team parking area earlier than the previous three games allowing the City of College Station to begin removing traffic controls before an hour postgame.

% of Congested Major Road  
30%

### Aggieland Pregame Congestion Analysis



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30%

### Aggieland Postgame Congestion Analysis

