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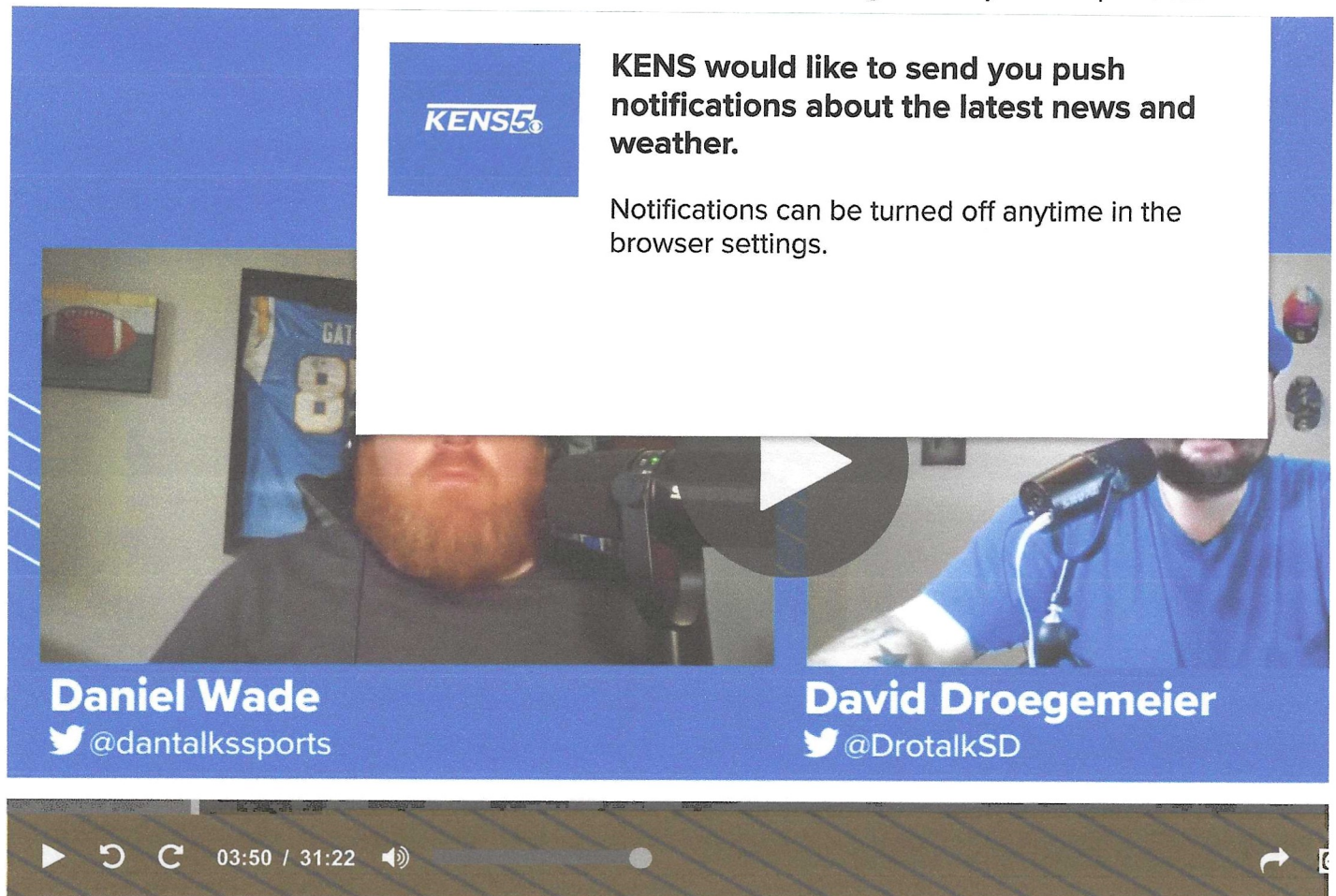
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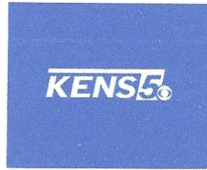
SAN ANTONIO — The City of San Antonio is growing and so are the sizes of trucks on the San Antonio roads. That created a problem that the City had to fix on St. Mary Brackenridge High School.

For years large trucks would crash into the bottom of a bridge on St. Mary's St. by that's only 11'3" high, even with warning signs all around. So the city had to take different measures to change that.

"The bridge was built in the 1930s back before there were 18 wheelers or even more wasn't built for the type of traffic that travels on St. Mary's right now," said Transp

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Back then there were standard average mirrors which is not nearly low enough. We kept taking action. Because of the bridge with flashing lights. We were driving."



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Since close to half a dozen warning signs that were supposed to alert truck drivers approaching low bridge didn't work, the City had to be creative and install height clearance curtains on either side of the bridge in March of this year.

"TCI engineers designed this system a mast with plastic cylinders hanging down," He also told us, "They are right at 11'3" which is the height of the bridge. I rented a van to see how it would work and when I hit those curtains I heard it loudly in the cab even though the curtains were hitting the cargo portion of the van."

This innovative curtain warning system isn't just the only one in San Antonio, it's the only one in Bexar County, but the only one in the entire state of Texas!" Barry added, "Since they've been put up we have had no reported crashes into the overpass."

The City and Union Pacific Railroad split the \$24,000 cost of designing, creating, and installing the height clearance curtains.