

<p>STANDUP TEASE: REPORTER: RYAN IVEY</p> <p>+++++</p> <p>CUCAM ANCHOR ANCHOR LEAD:</p> <p>PKG ROLL CUE: "AHEAD OF SCHEDULE..." TAKE PACKAGE PKG TRT: 1:45 PACKAGE OUTCUE: "RYAN IVEY REPORTING. "</p> <p>DESCRIPTION OF VIDEO VIDEO IS OF CARS ON THE ROAD THROUGH SIGNS FOR CONSTRUCTION.</p> <p>NAME/TITLE: CHRISTY WHITE; OWNER CHRISTY'S BOUTIQUE LOWER THIRD GRAPHIC: CHRISTY WOLFE / OWNER CHRISTY'S BOUTIQUE</p> <p>NAME/TITLE: BOBBY HERNDON / MAYOR NORTHPORT LOWER THIRD GRAPHIC: BOBBY HERNDON / MAYOR NORTHPORT</p> <p>DESCRIPTION OF VIDEO VIDEO IS OF BUSINESS AND INTERVIEW SUBJECT.</p>		<p>REPORTER TEASE: "AN ALABAMA HIGHWAY PROJECT IS HAVING A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON BUSINESSES. COMING UP... HEAR HOW ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS LEAD TO FINANCIAL LOSSES."</p> <p>+++++</p> <p>ANCHOR LEAD: US-82 CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN UNDERWAY IN NORTHPORT FOR ROUGHLY A YEAR NOW AND BUSINESSES ARE FEELING THE IMPACT. REPORTER RYAN IVEY HAS MORE DETAILS ON HOW THE COMMUNITY IS HOPING IT WILL BE FINISHED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. PKG SCRIPT: *NATURAL SOUND POP: CARS DRIVING BY</p> <p>REPORTER VOICEOVER 1: 70,000 CARS. *NATURAL SOUND POP: CARS DRIVING BY. * THAT'S HOW MANY CARS TRAVEL ON US-82 EACH DAY. MANY WOULD STOP BY AND SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES, BUT WITH ONGOING CONSTRUCTION, IT'S BEEN DIFFICULT TO GET TO THEM.</p> <p>CHRISTY WHITE: "I THINK PEOPLE JUST DON'T WANT TO GET OUT IN THE MESS AND THE TRAFFIC." *NATURAL SOUND POP: CARS DRIVING BY</p> <p>REPORTER VOICEOVER 2: THE MASSIVE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT WAS MEANT TO OPEN UP AN ADDITIONAL TRAVEL LANE ALLOWING FOR EASIER TRAFFIC FLOW CONSIDERING THE LARGE AMOUNT OF DAILY TRAFFIC. *NAT SOUND POP: CARS DRIVING BY</p> <p>BOBBY HERNDON: "IT'S VERY BUSY, IT'S ONE OF THE BUSIEST IN THE STATES. IN THE AFTERNOONS AND EARLY MORNING IT GETS VERY CONGESTED ON NORMAL DAYS. BUT WITH THE CONSTRUCTION IT'S BEEN BACKED UP AND THERE HAVE BEEN SOME FENDER BENDERS."</p> <p>REPORTER STANDUP: "THE PROPOSED TIMELINE WOULD HAVE THIS CONSTRUCTION GOING UNTIL 2024, BUT MANY COMMUNITY MEMBERS I TALKED TO SAY THAT'S TOO FAR AWAY. THE CONSTRUCTION HERE HAS</p>
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<p>REPORTER STANDUP: STANDUP IS AT CONSTRUCTION SIGN LOWER THIRD GRAPHIC: RYAN IVEY / REPORTER 'or' RYAN IVEY / TWITTER: @ryanaivey</p> <p>DESCRIPTION OF VIDEO VIDEO IS OF ONGOING TRAFFIC OR CONSTRUCTION.</p> <p>CUCAM ANCHOR ANCHOR TAG:</p>	<p>IMPACTED BUSINESSES, SCHOOL BUSES, AND EVEN THE ABILITY OF RESIDENTS TO GO HOME.”</p> <p>CHRISTY WHITE: “I DO NOT LEAVE HERE BEFORE 6 O’CLOCK BECAUSE 5 O’CLOCK TRAFFIC IS CRAZY GOING UP AND DOWN. YOU PRETTY MUCH HAVE TO DO A LOOP TO GET AROUND LIKE IF YOU ARE GOING THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION.”</p> <p>REPORTER VOICEOVER 3: CHRISTY WOLFE HAS OWNED AND OPERATED HER BOUTIQUE IN NORTHPORT FOR 15 YEARS. SHE MOVED OVER TO THE LOCATION OFF MCFARLAND BOULEVARD 2 MONTHS BEFORE CONSTRUCTION BEGAN.</p> <p>CHRISTY WHITE: “IT STARTED IN DECEMBER, THAT’S OUR BUSIEST TIME OF YEAR AND IT’S CONTINUED THROUGH OUR SLOWER MONTHS AND THAT HAS HURT US WORSE.</p> <p>REPORTER VOICEOVER 4: NORTHPORT’S MAYOR BOBBY HERNDON WAS ONE OF THE INITIAL SUPPORTERS FOR THE PROJECT. HIS MAJOR CONCERN WAS MAKING THE ROADWAY SAFER. *NATURAL SOUND POP: AMBULANCE</p> <p>BOBBY HERNDON: “IT’S ALWAYS MY CONCERN THAT OUR CITIZENS ARE WELL-PROTECTED IN WHATEVER ENVIRONMENT THEY ARE IN. IF THEY DRIVE SMART, IF THEY LEAVE HOME EARLIER THAN USUAL, IF THEY HOPE TO GET HOME A LITTLE LATER THAN USUAL THEN EVERYTHING RUNS PRETTY SMOOTHLY.”</p> <p>REPORTER VOICEOVER 5: HOWEVER, IF THE PROJECT CONTINUES AT THIS PACE, MANY BUSINESSES MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO RECOVER. FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, I’M RYAN IVEY REPORTING. *NATURAL SOUND POP: CAR TURNING</p> <p>ANCHOR TAG: THE US-82 PROJECT WAS FULLY FUNDED BY GOVERNOR KAY IVEY’S GAS TAX ACT AND IS EXPECTED TO HELP ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC ISSUES ON THE ROADWAY. THE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETE IN 2024.</p>
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