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A Problem All Drivers Face

All motor vehicle drivers across the world face one major problem while driving on the road, also known as potholes or road depression. The terms pothole and depression relate by people experiencing multiple emotions all at once after encountering a pothole. Those emotions can range from being shock, scared, angry, confused and consternation for tire damage. From past run-ins with these issues, I’ve dealt with many road disturbances ranging from drunk drivers, road rage scenes, foolhardy street/highway racing, hit-and-runs and finally potholes. All these sub-issues are nothing compare to the most common and never-ending depression. Doing a reconnaissance for this issue for over fourteen weeks, it became clear to me that no matter where and when I drive, I’ll always come across one. Seeing many cracks, holes and lumps of asphalt on the roads I drive quotidian, causes me to wonder if they will ever be taken care of. Potholes may not affect people who take the trains or subway trains or even airplanes because they don’t have to worry about driving on the road but shouldn’t be ignoring them either way. Since, those individuals will be on the road eventually getting lifts from friends, employees, family or other transportation services, which whom will encounter potholes at one point. As a licensed driver in the US, I am convinced potholes are a true never-ending situation on the roads, which can cause potentially fatal car collisions, money consumption on damaged tires, heavy street/highway traffic and needs to be dealt with a solid procedure that doesn’t affect American civilians severely.

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The dangers out there while on the road are real and should not be shunned because every driver experience close calls such as car accidents and major traffic situations. Throughout the years meeting other conducers, they would tell me how their lives were in danger due to swirling motions by other motorists. From a personal standpoint and background, I can’t help but emphasize the fact how I encounter potholes every time I drive on the streets. Imagine if a person was driving an old car due to poor economic stance and runs over a massive pothole, then loses control of the vehicle. It would not be a good outcome for the driver, and possibly would crash some one or another car. According to James Moyles, a lawyer with over 30 years of experience in legal representation states, “Potholes can cause truck accidents and motorcycle accidents in addition to poor road conditions that often result in serious car accident injuries”. I can’t imagine what could happen if one of those pugnacious drivers goes over an abysmal pothole. Although this is just one troubling cause from potholes, traffic on streets and highways due to road maintenance is another problem. Unexpected traffic causes people to become impatient and angered due to so much time consumption. On a weekly basis, I come across street/highway traffic and it is not fun waiting or going in a perennial slow pace, while city workers milk it on road repairs. In the “Add Water Freeze, Apply Traffic: What Causes Potholes, And How to Fix Them”, article written by Jonathon Wilson, a journalist who graduated from Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University, explains how it’ll be a year-round effort of road repair for the crew of Washington region, in the B-W Parkway because the road is dangerous to drive on. If you ask me that’s a very long time for a road repair. Fatal car collisions and time consumption are indeed problematic; however, those aren’t the only issues for drivers but money expenses for car damages.

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Damaged rims of a car can be very expensive when it comes down to replacements, which isn’t fair for locals whom pay a variety of taxations that goes to all sorts of programs for instance, road maintenance with promising results. However, it doesn’t seem to be the case. To undergird my point, I myself had a hapless experience. On a late night after getting off work, driving back home, I was on the 60 easts highway driving calmly and saw a pothole, which I had no time to dodge, and then felt a sudden rough shake on my car’s tires. I was convinced that the pothole had caused some serious damage to my car but didn’t expect a big dent on the rims of my car. The cost to replace the rims of my car cost me over a hundred dollars, causing me to feel plaintive and feckless. In a report from CNN WIRE, it tells how a man from Connecticut sued a local town for damages in his car due to a pothole encounter. The cost of the car repair was over one thousand dollars and that’s a lot of money going to waste. It is not right for people like him or me or anyone who drives a car to go through such situation because we all pay taxes ranging from property taxes, income taxes and corporate taxes. Plus, there are taxes charged whenever buying product from food markets and other type of stores, including gas taxations. The funds for road maintenance come from the nations Highway Trust Fund and will eventually go downhill. Scott Klinger, an accomplished journalist, argues that repairs on the roads and projects will be yield, leaving well earning construction workers jobless alongside with the other 10 million unemployed Americans, due to bad money management on road maintenance, which ninety-one billion dollars are wasted on road maintenance yearly (Klinger). That is by far a lot of money going into poor, slow and inconsistent outcomes from repairments from city workers. The first steps into fixing or improving these issues drivers face, city workers should find a solid

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procedure on fastening the process of road maintenance, which will help conducers from swirling around, reduce heavy traffic jams and fracas.

People normally don’t do a thing or care much for certain situations when it happens to others but once experiencing it themselves only then they decide to act and shouldn’t be waiting for it to happen to them. I’ve already mentioned the incident I had on the highway and can say I was one those people who didn’t pay much attention to potholes and its troubles it can bring to people’s life but by pointing out the locations of potholes on an app, that specifies its radius can help others to shirk what I went through. In Boston, there is an app called Street Bump used to collect road condition data, so local drivers can be aware of those troubling holes. Something like this with accurate and easy-to-follow instructions would help bring awareness to drivers all over in society. Building more roads to make cars travel different routes can help reduce traffic, because if no new methods or new roads are added then the traffic jams can only be increasing. In the article, “Why Traffic Congestion Is Here to Stay…And Will Get Worse”, written by Anthony Downs, an American economists/senior analyst, claims that people tend to go to work and drop off their children or go out around the exact same time causing traffic, especially in places like Los Angeles or other populated cities have it very bad. Now imagine having to deal with a road maintenance while driving in Los Angeles. By constructing some type of modified train routes and underground pathways to main attractions, would allow others who are from far away cities to travel around easier and faster. In crowded places like L.A. and New York, this idea would help the citizens to be less stressed and relaxed. City officials who are in control of the pothole’s funds should be investigated to see if there are no manipulative lawbreakers around.

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The money spent on potholes are high and we civilians need to be certain that every penny from those funds are being used for improvements on potholes procedures. Sarah Favot, a freelance writer who is also an award-winning reporter, shares a story on how some ex-employees from the City of Pasadena Department of Public Works, were arrested after being accused and investigated on how 51 year old analyst Danny, Tyrone Collins of 55 years old and 46-year-old Melody were stealing about six-million dollars from funds within the time spam of over a decade. These avaricious individuals shouldn’t ever underwrite without keeping their words. They showed impropriety, and plausibility’s of other counties officials of doing the same. So, by having every funding program in every city checked would help ensure not a single cent is being misused or stolen because we Americans and non-legalized people pay taxes for the betterment of the cities. By increasing the taxes just by a little would help into invest for better and newer technology, which would help city workers to repair the roads faster, safer and in a cheaper way without causing so much delays to drivers. Perhaps by being stricter on city workers and making their salary a bit higher as well would motivate them to stay a hundred percent focused into getting the job done in a proficient way. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, a construction worker makes about $17.21 per hour and estimated of $35,800 dollars yearly. If their wages went a bit a higher, its certain that the workers would take everything completely seriously if their bosses became really picky. Hard-working people or locals’ indigents would take the job seriously. Since, suffering does cause people(s) be more self-aware of what they have and learn to appreciate life and their jobs more. I’m familiar with people who work hard only when motivated or scared to lose their job, due to poor performance but fail to

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appreciate what they have already. By specifying these problems into details helps citizens to be aware of the trouble’s drivers face and help them understand in a solid stand point.

Car collisions surely will always exist, but they can be minimized by eliminating potholes off road, using guaranteed procedures would decrease accident rates. Despite the fact of reckless driving being a nuisance, ‘we’ respectful, mature, cautious and caring drivers should not be intimidated, angered or provoked by those irresponsible, immature, barbaric drivers. In California, there are so many people living in the golden state and can be troubling when taking a long trip. Traffic can be time consuming: however, it can be dealt with a tactical strategy, by creating some type of surface that allows drivers to go around the situation to eschew massive hold-ups or simply build more roads. The people who oversee money expenses for the city’s improvement, should always be kept on check. Funds for road maintenance relies on taxations from which citizens pay and need to have investigators to secretly keep an eye on the people who are in control of the funds on monthly basis to ensure no frauds are lurking around. The types of problems motor conducers face throughout the road trip, range from small to big disturbances and must shouldn’t be taken lowly. Drivers face all sorts of issues while driving on the road, but once potholes are alleviated the results will be dream-like satisfactory, making these great changes will make the road a safer and less stressful experience. Don’t be afraid to speak up and fight whats necessary, since we all middle and low class pay for and use the roads in one way or another, so let’s make the world of drivers a better one. Never street race, nor dodge potholes drastically because accidents can happen to anyone and anywhere. Take care of one another out there on the road and proliferate as a community not just as a coterie.

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