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Legislators should work towards maintaining existing roads and structures.

I frequently ride on state highways, with bike lanes that cannot be used due to the amount of debris that obstruct lanes year round. It is not only the debris that create a hazard, overhanging branches frequently cause me to move into traffic.

But my problems with state roads are not limited to cycling. I encounter potholes on Highway 26 near North Plains, grooves in the lanes from studded tires south of Salem on I5, and signs that are unreadable as I travel through Portland.

Moreover, I reside in an area that was had on going backups and re routing of traffic for the better part of 5 years due to the expansion of route 217. And now there is talk to putting a baseball stadium in this area!

The solution is simple: fix what we have before any thought is given to additional freeways. And make sure that those who damage road through the use of studded tires pay their share.