Truckee cyclists irate over road conditions

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Its views are serene.

Its neighborhoods are gorgeous.

But local cyclists are saying Truckee's bike lanes on state roads are "lousy" and a "dilapidated mess." California state officials are beginning to listen.

"It's a joke," said Paco Lindsay, who has lived and biked on roads in Truckee since 1978. "I've never seen it this bad."

Highway 89, along the western shore of Lake Tahoe, is the root of the problem, Truckee's Gregg Betonte said.

"We started getting pretty vocal about the issue this spring," Betonte said. "(The California Department of Transportation) has told us for years that they were going to replace the paths, but they haven't. They pave the road, but not the shoulder."

Betonte said the road is filled with potholes and cracks after years of neglect and is unridable.

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