

California's roads are in dire shape

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In more than four decades as a top transportation planner in California, Will Kempton says the state's roads have never been in as bad condition as they are right now.

Kempton, 69, who is retiring as executive director of the advocacy group Transportation California, said he is "frustrated and disappointed" that California has failed for decades to agree on a plan to pay for a \$136-billion backlog of repairs on state highways and local roads. Gov. Jerry Brown and legislative leaders said they will take another crack at reaching a deal during the next two months, which Kempton said is welcome news.

"This is the worst I have seen," he said of street conditions in California.

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