

# Russian City Thanks Local Boy for Filling Pothole With Toy Shovel

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A classic David and Goliath tale unfolded in Siberia when a boy was filmed trying to fill a pothole with a toy shovel.

The Omsk boy waits for cars to pass by, then tries to fill a giant pothole with a small pile of dust, footage published online on Tuesday shows.

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“Let me shake your hand,” the video’s author says after telling viewers that what he had witnessed is “shocking.”

The boy's efforts were not entirely futile: The local administration thanked him for his efforts and said it [looks forward](#) to welcoming “such an active citizen” in the road and traffic management department “in 10 to 15 years.”

Authorities told local media the potholes had been filled with gravel and crushed brick chips two weeks ago before fully repairing the road.

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