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As a member of the North Shore community, I would like to express my feelings towards the construction of continuous sidewalks here in Haleiwa.

It seems almost archaic that we are one of the last places on this island to undertake such a project. We are definitely in sore need of them. Take Waikiki for instance: it is a destination for tourists with limited parking and pedestrian scenery as well as extensive shopping. Haleiwa too is a MAJOR destination for tourists who visit our islands, and whereas Waikiki is geographically expansive, Haleiwa is not, condensing our tourist population in an even smaller area. We have an even more limited parking situation, and absolutely no sidewalks to house the walking population. The streets are almost always teeming with pedestrians. We must concern ourselves with their safety roaming the streets in an unfamiliar setting.

I know that this is a huge project to complete, and it is obvious that it has and that it will meet some objections from shortsighted community members; however, it absolutely needs to be done. The island of Oahu will continue to grow as tourist destination, with Haleiwa in its forefront. This is a fact, and this sidewalk issue should be tackled sooner rather than later, while we can acquire the funding and the support from community members dedicated to this project. Generations after as will thank our foresight and consideration of the lasting quality of life here on the North Shore.

Thank you,

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