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# SENATOR STANLEY CHANG

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## Addressing the Nuts & Bolts of Building Enough Housing to Meet Demand

On November 6, Senator Chang convened a housing conference titled *Kick the Tires: Adapting the Singapore Housing Model to End Hawai'i's Housing Shortage*. The conference brought together public and private sector experts to address some of the most frequently asked questions about whether enough housing can be built to meet Hawai'i's demand for affordable housing.



Singapore is an island nation less than half the size of 'Oahu and over five times the population, yet houses **82 percent** of its population in public housing that costs

only \$180,000 to buy. Hawai'i, by contrast, has experienced a severe housing shortage for decades. A recent state study found that Hawaii needs **65,000 new housing units** by 2025 to meet demand. Senator Chang has proposed the **ALOHA** (Affordable, Locally Owned Homes for All) Homes model, based on Singapore's public housing, to address the housing shortage.

The conference began with a panel of participants in the Singapore housing delegation that Senator Chang led this past May. The second panel, "Infrastructure Needs for Large-Scale Housing Development," covered how Hawai'i can accommodate the water, wastewater, and electricity needs of future residents. The following panels, "How Developers



Finance Large Housing Projects" and "How How to Get a Mortgage on Your New Leasehold Home," covered financing the development of these

units and the ability of homebuyers to get mortgages on 99 year lease condominiums. Two construction experts detailed methods to minimize construction costs so that new units can be built for less than \$300,000 during the "How Much Will It Cost" panel.

Our keynote speaker, Professor Phang Sock-Yong of Singapore Management University, joined via videoconference to detail the Singapore public housing program and its changes over the years. Professor Phang is one of the world's preeminent academic experts on Singapore's public housing.

The final panel, "I Live in an HDB Flat: Ask Me Anything," included firsthand experiences of current and former residents of Singapore public housing flats.

You may watch the conference at the scheduled times as listed in the table on Olelo channel 49.

**Kick the Tires: Adapting the Singapore Housing Model: Part 1**

12/2/2019	6:00 PM	Olelo 49
12/8/2019	10:00 PM	Olelo 49
12/9/2019	12:00 PM	Olelo 49
12/11/2019	8:00 AM	Olelo 49

**Kick the Tires: Adapting the Singapore Housing Model: Part 2**

12/3/2019	6:00 PM	Olelo 49
12/9/2019	2:00 PM	Olelo 49
12/11/2019	10:00 PM	Olelo 49
12/16/2019	8:00 AM	Olelo 49

**Kick the Tires: Adapting the Singapore Housing Model: Part 3**

12/4/2019	6:00 PM	Olelo 49
12/10/2019	12:00 PM	Olelo 49
12/15/2019	10:00 PM	Olelo 49
12/18/2019	8:00 AM	Olelo 49

**Kick the Tires: Adapting the Singapore Housing Model: Part 4**

12/5/2019	6:00 PM	Olelo 49
12/10/2019	2:00 PM	Olelo 49
12/23/2019	8:00 AM	Olelo 49
12/25/2019	10:00 PM	Olelo 49

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## IN THE COMMUNITY



### SURFRIDER BEACH CLEANUP

September 28, 2019 ◀ Senator Chang joined members of the Surfrider Foundation for a beach cleanup at Diamond Head Beach Park, which has been formerly heavily impacted by homeless residents.



### FLU SHOT

October 16, 2019 ▲ Senator Chang and his staff received this year's flu shot at the Capitol.



### KITV MORNING NEWS

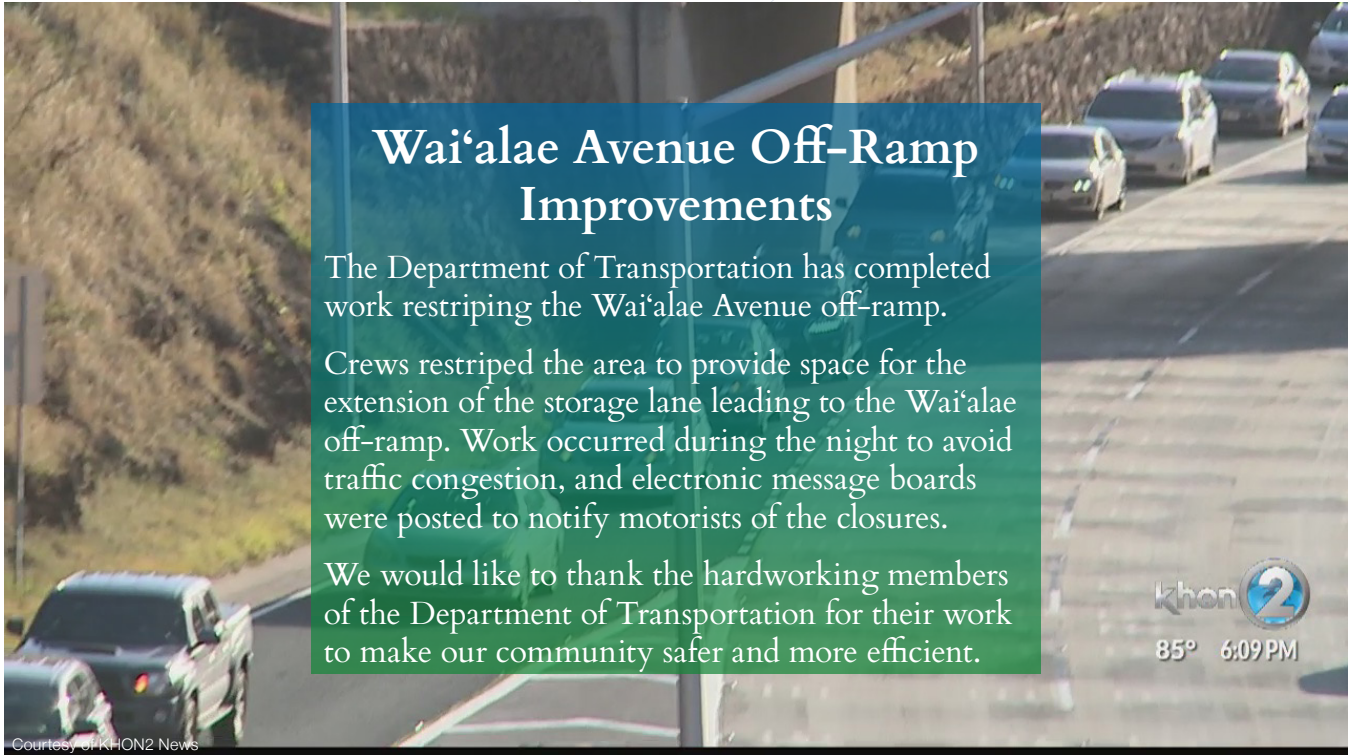
November 3, 2019 ◀ Senator Chang joined Annalisa Burgos on KITV to discuss the Singapore public housing model. Annalisa lived in a Singapore public housing unit while she lived there a few years ago.



### ASIA PACIFIC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

November 14, 2019 ◀ Senator Chang met with East West Center fellows from Myanmar, Cambodia, Iraq, China, Mongolia, and Indonesia studying in the United States as part of the Asia Pacific Leadership Program.

## IN YOUR COMMUNITY



### Wai'ala'e Avenue Off-Ramp Improvements

The Department of Transportation has completed work restriping the Wai'ala'e Avenue off-ramp.

Crews restriped the area to provide space for the extension of the storage lane leading to the Wai'ala'e off-ramp. Work occurred during the night to avoid traffic congestion, and electronic message boards were posted to notify motorists of the closures.

We would like to thank the hardworking members of the Department of Transportation for their work to make our community safer and more efficient.

Courtesy of KHON2 News

## Kalani'anaole Highway Intersection Improvements

On November 5, 2019, representatives from the Department of Transportation (DOT) gave a presentation to community members regarding traffic signal improvements along Kalani'anaole Highway. The traffic signal improvements will be at the intersection of Kalani'iki Street / Wai'eli Street and Wa'a Street. The following will be improvements to both intersections:

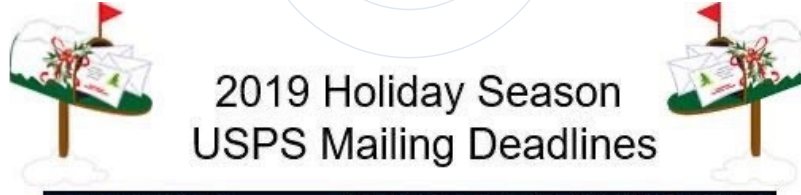
- Modify curb, gutter, sidewalk, and curb ramps
- Upgrade of median impact attenuators
- Install of new traffic signal equipment
- Install underground duct lines
- Restore the pavement and striping.

The project purpose is to install new traffic signal equipment that meets current State of Hawaii,

Federal, and American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards. Work will occur at night, to avoid a disruption of traffic, and is expected to begin in August 2020 and finish in July 2021. For more information, contact DOT at [dotpao@hawaii.gov](mailto:dotpao@hawaii.gov) or visit [hidot.hawaii.gov](http://hidot.hawaii.gov).



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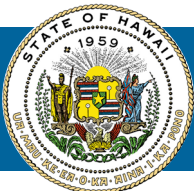
## 2019 Holiday Season USPS Mailing Deadlines

From Hawaii To:	First Class/Priority	Priority Express
U.S. Mainland	Dec 19	Dec 21
Hawaii	Dec 20	Dec 21
Guam & Saipan	Dec 13	Dec 19
American Samoa	Dec 06	Dec 14
Military APOs and FPOs	Dec 06	Dec 13
International	Dec 06	Dec 13



### Park Closures

The City and County of Honolulu announced that beginning November 25, 2019, Kawa'ikui and Waitupe Beach Parks will have nightly closures. The park closures will be in effect from **10:00pm to 5:00am**. The purpose of these park closures is to deter illegal activity and provide safety for residents in the area.



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