

“Local leaders in San Diego County had planned this project even before Rep. Issa first took office in 2001,” Issa spokesman Frederick Hill said. “While the project has still not been built, Rep. Issa’s request for the widening project was made on behalf of local leaders and predated his purchase of the medical center building.” The earmarks were requested in 2007 and 2008 and approved in 2007 and 2009, records show.