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\$10M grant to help N.J. reduce traffic

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Touting it as a win for the state's commuters, Sens. Bob Menendez and Frank Lautenberg said a \$10 million grant from the Department of Transportation will fund "traffic signaling technology" developed to improve vehicular flow.

This new signaling system will be installed along Routes 1&9, 46, 17 and 120.

Called the Meadowlands Adaptive Signal System for Traffic Reduction, the sensor-based technology integrates adaptive traffic signal control software, vehicle image detection, and wireless communication technology to adjust traffic signal timing based upon real-time traffic flow. At present, traffic signals utilize mostly fixed or actuated signal timing plans.

The grant will also fund a real-time traffic management and monitoring center.

"With family, work and bills, New Jerseyans have enough on their plate," Menendez said. "They deserve a hassle-free commute. These new tools will help our commuters get where they need to be faster, easier and without unnecessary delays. This major investment will continue putting New Jersey on the road towards greater economic competitiveness and growth."

It is expected that final construction on the project will be completed by 2013. The first two phases of the four-phase project should be completed by the end of the year. According to Menendez's office, the project will reduce travel times in some of the state's busiest travel corridors by 20 percent.