

Camden gets \$16.2 million to improve streets - July 27, 2016

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Camden will receive \$16.2 million from the federal Department of Transportation for improvements to roads and infrastructure in several city neighborhoods.

The funding, awarded through a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grant, was announced Tuesday by the offices of Sen. Robert Menendez, Sen. Cory A. Booker, and U.S. Rep. Donald Norcross. The three-phase project will involve reconstructing a two-mile network of streets north of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, enhancing the Seventh Street area that connects the bridge and North Camden to the city's downtown, upgrading roads in the Cooper's Poynt section, and improving the traffic flow on downtown's Cooper Street.

"In order to maintain New Jersey's economic competitiveness, it's vital we take the necessary steps to modernize our transportation arteries," Booker said in a statement. "As we continue to witness growth in cities like Camden, key federal investments like this in New Jersey's crumbling infrastructure serve as a gateway to job creation and keeping our region's economy moving full steam ahead." Menendez and Booker wrote to the secretary of transportation to express support of Camden's application for the grant in May, according to Menendez's office.

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