



Menendez, Booker, Norcross Announce Major Federal Investment to Improve Camden Infrastructure, Spur Economic Development

NEWARK, N.J. – U.S. Senators Bob Menendez and Cory Booker, and Congressman Donald Norcross (N.J.-01), today announced that a \$16.2 million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant has been awarded from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to launch the Camden Connections for the Future Project that will upgrade Camden’s aging infrastructure, spur economic development and enhance the quality of life for residents.

“There is nothing more important to our nation’s economic future than investing in our crumbling transportation infrastructure,” **said Sen. Menendez.** “This critical federal investment will help move Camden forward, boost the city’s economy, create good-paying jobs and improve the quality of life for residents. I’m so pleased to have successfully fought for these funds that will further Camden’s renaissance and build upon its recent steps towards making the city a premiere location for people to live, work and visit.”

“In order to maintain New Jersey’s economic competitiveness, it’s vital we take the necessary steps to modernize our transportation arteries,” **said Sen. Booker.** “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.”

“Camden is on the rise, and the U.S. Department of Transportation shares my strong commitment to making strategic investments in the City’s rebirth. As world class businesses, health care, and education institutions continue to lay down roots in the city, these federal resources will help upgrade and modernize the city’s vital transportation network. This grant funding will serve the City, its residents, visitors, those who currently work here, and those who will soon be employed in the City, for generations to come,” **said Rep. Norcross.**

The Camden Connections for the Future Project will reconstruct a network of streets covering approximately two miles north of the Ben Franklin Bridge, integrating complete and green street concepts. Phase 1 will improve the 7th St. gateway connecting the bridge and North Camden neighborhood with downtown Camden. Phase 2 will focus on road improvements to Cooper Poynt, upgrading vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, while Phase 3 will improve traffic flow along Cooper St., the main artery running through downtown Camden.

“This is such an important grant award at a tremendous time in Camden’s revitalization,” **said Camden Mayor Dana Redd.** “As the City moves forward with unprecedented economic development and the attraction of new business and jobs for our residents, it’s critical that we address longstanding needs. This \$16 million TIGER grant will help facilitate streetscape and utility upgrades to Camden’s aging infrastructure. These improvements are not only long overdue but will help Camden prepare for not only current development but additional needs moving forward. I commend Senators Menendez and Booker and Congressman Norcross for their efforts to help advocate for Camden and make this opportunity a reality.”

“Under the leadership of Mayor Dana L. Redd, Camden is rising, and we are excited to be a part of the public-private partnership that is helping to rebuild the city’s infrastructure. We are very excited to hear about the new TIGER award and wish to thank Congressman Norcross, Senator Booker, and Senator Menendez for their leadership and support,” **CEO Anthony Perno of Cooper’s Ferry Partnership said.**

In May, [Sens. Menendez and Booker wrote the Secretary of Transportation](#) in support of Camden’s TIGER application. The City of Camden has been designated a federal Promise Zone and, last year, received a \$1 billion federal investment in its waterfront.