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**MAYOR MINER REVEALS INTERCONNECT SYSTEM OF  
SYNCHRONIZED TRAFFIC SIGNALS LIMIT TRAVEL DELAYS  
BY OVER 80% ON SOME MAJOR CORRIDORS**

*Recently Completed Interconnect Project Expansion Has Synchronized Signals at  
159 Intersections*

*Miner: The Interconnect Has Synchronized our Signals Resulting in Shortened  
Commutes*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner today revealed that the newly-completed expansion of the Syracuse Interconnect Project has synchronized traffic lights across the city, reducing congestion and limiting delays by over 80% on some corridors. The completed project was the second phase of the Interconnect, which began in 1993, and expanded the city’s network of intelligent traffic control signals controlled remotely from the Department of Public Works Traffic Control center.

“The Syracuse Interconnect Project has delivered on the long-standing promise of synchronizing our traffic lights. This results in reduced commute times and fewer delays. The Interconnect is a quality of life improvement for city drivers and residents,” said **Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner**. “This project is the culmination of years of work from excellent city employees and I thank them for their tireless effort.”

The second phase of the Syracuse Interconnect Project added traffic signals at 35 intersections and 6 closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras to the city’s fiber optic network, bringing the city’s totals to 159 intersections on the network and 11 with CCTV monitoring. The network was upgraded to include Ethernet protocols and redundancies to ensure continuity of operation.

In areas covered by the expansion completed in Phase II, travel time and intersection delays decreased while corridor speeds increased. Along North Salina Street, travelling southbound, travel time decreased by 44% and delays were reduced by 81%, while the corridor speed was increased by 79%. For a full breakdown of the major corridors in the expansion area, as well as the high volume streets in Downtown where the Interconnect continues to provide improved service, this chart breaks offers more detailed information: <http://bit.ly/2h5S435>.



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**Mayor Miner** added, “The Interconnect is improving residents’ commutes and is part of Syracuse’s continued commitment to data-driven decision making which is enhancing the lives of people in the community every day.”

The system allows the city to have direct access, through its Traffic Control center, to traffic signals in these areas. This leads city staff being able to identify signal malfunctions early – leading to faster repairs and adjustments in the network to ensure the continued smooth flow of traffic. The system also compiles traffic volume data and allows operators to maintain these records from a central system. The city can also use this system to efficiently address signal network issues that arise from special events, like parades, and in the event of potential emergencies or evacuations. The Interconnect does not include so-called “red light cameras” and is not used to ticket individual vehicles for running red lights.

The Interconnect was begun initially in 1993. The city has recently begun implementing the third phase of the project, which bring 44 more intersections into the centralized system and add more CCTV cameras to the network.

A photo of today’s event can be found here: <http://bit.ly/2h6D2d1>.

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