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Software empowers cell phones to fight traffic congestion

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Mobile phone company Nokia and the University of California Berkeley have released software that allows some San Francisco Bay Area drivers to use their GPS-enabled phones to better monitor traffic congestion.

The software turns AT&T and T-Mobile phones into traffic sensing devices that transmit speed and location information to traffic engineers. Drivers can tap into the information collected by other phones in the network to get commute times and find alternate routes.