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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Techniques for signaling, to a network controller, a connection state of a proxy for use by the network controller to correlate proxied-connections with application pairs for traffic optimization. In some examples, the techniques may include receiving, at a controller of a network, control plane information associated with a proxy that manages a proxied flow through the network. Based on the control plane information, the controller may determine that application traffic is flowing across the proxied flow between a first application and a second application. In this way, based at least in part on a policy associated with at least one of the first application or the second application, the controller may reconfigure a network element of the network for optimizing the application traffic flowing across the proxied flow.

