**COURSE NUMBER**  
FHWA-NHI-380073

**COURSE TITLE**  
Fundamentals of Planning, Design and Approval of Interchange Improvements to the Interstate System

This course provides participants with key knowledge of freeway systems and interchange types, FHWA policy on justification for interchange access approval, and applications of technical knowledge and policy understanding to interchange project decisions. Topics covered in this course include service and system interchange types, 8-point interchange justification process, interchange study and selection process, fundamentals of freeway system operations and planning, urban freeway diagnosis, geometric design considerations, and technical and documentation procedures.

**OUTCOMES**
Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Compare and contrast design and operational attributes of different of freeway interchange types
- Interpret and apply the elements of the FHWA Policy for approving Interstate access
- Describe and apply principles of good freeway systems and interchange design
- Describe the application of design exceptions to interchange project decisions
- Describe the content of an appropriate safety and operational analysis to support an access request
- Compare alternative designs based upon an assessment of appropriate measures of effectiveness (MOEs)
- Apply an interchange design study procedure

**TARGET AUDIENCE**
The target audience for the course includes traffic engineers and transportation professionals with one to five years of working experience.

**TRAINING LEVEL:** Accomplished

**FEE:** 2019: $675 Per Person; 2020: $675 Per Person

**LENGTH:** 3 DAYS (CEU: 1.8 UNITS)

**CLASS SIZE:** MINIMUM: 20; MAXIMUM: 30

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