

# FHWA-NHI-380095 GEOMETRIC DESIGN APPLYING FLEXIBILITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT



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GEOMETRIC DESIGN**

July 17 & 18, 2013  
The Beechwood Hotel  
Worcester, MA

**REGISTRATION FEE**  
\$120.00 municipal/  
\$240.00 private sector.

Light breakfast, lunch and course  
materials are included.  
Cancellations must be received 4 days  
prior to the workshop or you  
will be invoiced.



### Description

Designers often face complex trade-offs when developing projects. Applying flexibility and risk management in roadway design requires more than simply assembling geometric elements from the available tables, charts and equations of design criteria. This course provides participants with knowledge of the functional basis of critical design criteria to enable informed decisions when applying engineering judgment and flexibility. The course exercises and case studies provide practical applications of current knowledge from research and operational experience of human factors and safety effects for various design elements.

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

- Define the relationship among design criteria, design guidelines and design standards
- Describe the concepts of design speed, target speed, posted speed and operating speed
- Describe the FHWA Policy for Design Standards and Design Exceptions
- List the 13 controlling geometric design criteria that require a formal written design exception from FHWA
- Evaluate the safety effects and qualitative risk of proposed design exceptions
- Evaluate the effectiveness and appropriateness of mitigation strategies for design exceptions
- Describe the relationship between safety and key geometric features of roadway alignment and cross section
- Describe the applicability of a human-centered approach to geometric design considerations

**Contact the Baystate Roads Program for additional information at: [cindy@baystateroads.org](mailto:cindy@baystateroads.org)**

*Maximum class size is 30*

*This Course counts towards 1 Roads Scholar Credit/*

*1.5 LACET CEUs. AICP Credits Pending*

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**Applying flexibility and risk management**

**July 17 & 18, 2013**

The Beechwood Hotel,  
363 Plantation St., Worcester, MA

***\*This is a 2 Day Course.***

### Who Should Attend

This National Highway Institute (NHI) course is targeted toward engineers and highway department superintendents who are involved in applying engineering judgment in the selection of design criteria and in the assessment of design exceptions. It is most practical for practicing engineers and highway department decision makers who may be involved in Transportation Improvement Projects (TIP) in their municipality.

### Speaker

**KEITH J. HARRISON, P.E.,** *Safety/Geometric Design Engineer, Federal Highway Administration Resource Center.*

Keith, a Massachusetts native, holds engineering degrees from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and from the Polytechnic Institute of New York. He has more than 30 years of highway engineering experience, all with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

*This Baystate Roads Program (LTAP) workshop is a cooperative effort of the Federal Highway Administration, MassDOT and the University of Massachusetts Transportation Center.*



### Day One Agenda

8:00 – 8:30	Introduction/Registration
8:30 – 9:00	Module A – Course Overview and Introduction
9:00 – 10:15	Module B – Design Policies & Standards
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 11:45	Module C – Primary Design Controls
11:45 – 12:00	Questions and Discussion
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 2:15	Module D – Perspectives on Safety and Elements of Design
2:15 – 2:45	Module E - Sight Distance, Horizontal and Vertical Alignment
2:45 – 3:00	Break
3:00 – 3:45	Module E, Continued
3:45 – 4:00	Questions and Discussion
4:00 – 4:15	Day One Wrap-up HIGHWAY DESIGN: Applying Flexibility & Risk Management Participant Workbook

### Day Two Agenda

8:30 – 8:45	Review of day one material
8:45 – 9:45	Module F – Cross Section Elements
9:45 – 10:00	Break
10:00 – 10:30	Module F – Continued
10:30 – 11:45	Module G – Freeways and Interchanges
11:45 – 12:00	Questions and Discussion
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00	Module H – Mitigation Strategies
2:00 – 2:30	Module I – Best Practices for Applying Flexibility
2:30 – 2:45	Break
2:45 – 3:45	Module I – Case Study Discussions
3:45 – 4:00	Questions and Discussion
4:00 – 4:30	Course Wrap-up, Exam, Course Evaluations