

1. Control of access
2. Elimination of bottlenecks or spot congestion
3. Elimination of hazards
4. Site topography
5. Road user benefits
6. Traffic volumes

Other than on a freeway, the inability to provide the necessary capacity with an at-grade intersection is a common warrant for an interchange.

More detailed warrants and general types of interchanges may be found in Chapter X "Grade Separations and Interchanges" of AASHTO's [A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets](#).

### **REFINING HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT\***

Horizontal alignment is to be reviewed for possible revisions due to information received under Section 2B-1- GROUND SURVEY such as: obvious areas of unsuitable material and/or rock, major utility facility relocations and environmental considerations (such as splitting communities, splitting watersheds, conflicts with National or State Forests and Parks, historical property, archaeological sites, recreational areas, sites affected by noise beyond acceptable limits, etc.). Horizontal alignment must remain within acceptable limits as prescribed in the Geometric Design Standards (See [Appendix A, Section A-1](#)) unless an authorized [exception](#) is made by the State Location and Design Engineer and, if applicable, the Federal Highway Administration.

### **REFINING VERTICAL ALIGNMENT**

Vertical alignment is to be reviewed for possible revisions resulting from data received under Section 2B-1- GROUND SURVEY such as: soil data (compaction factors, etc.) indicating the need to raise or lower grades for earthwork balances, major utility facilities, hydraulic requirements and considerations such as raising grades to obtain adequate cover for drainage structures and vertical clearances for various grade separations. Vertical alignment must remain within acceptable limits as prescribed in the Geometric Design Standards (See [Appendix A, Section A-1](#)) unless an authorized [exception](#) is made by the State Location and Design Engineer and, if applicable, the Federal Highway Administration.

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