

Design and Construction Surveying for ADA Projects

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Key Messages

 We need total station accuracy for design surveys.

- Different levels of survey detail necessitated by intersection complexity.
- Why should we stake the flow line rather than back of curb for curb ramps?
- Coming soon: Sidewalk profiles in your plans.

















ADA Survey Accuracy: 1/4"

Methodology	Inherent Accuracy
Total Station	0.02
LIDAR	0.08
VRS	0.10
Mapping	0.50

Total station equipment is the only acceptable survey method.

A 6 ft length ramp designed at 7.5% could very well be non-compliant using LIDAR, VRS, or mapping.















Levels of Detail

Level 1

- Curb ramps line up with inplace sidewalks
- Contractor builds according to standard plans with a tabulation
- Surveys not required

Level 2

- When ramp layouts differ from standard plans and for all signalized intersections
- 20-scale detail provided in plan
- Ramp slope ranges and working points provided

Level 3

- When slopes are non-compliant or there's a tie-in point (such as a doorway)
- 20-scale detail provided in plan
- Specific ramp slopes and working points provided















Level 1 (Standard Plan) Ramps





Level 2 Ramps





Level 3 Ramps

















20-Scale Detail: Doorways









ADA Topos: Vicinity















ADA Topos: Utilities

 Use methods such as multiple shot or single shot w/diameter when locating the center of signal poles, light bases and similar structures with obstructions. Always shoot the center of unobstructed structures such as hand holes and the corners on structures such as cabinets, cabinet

bases and vaults.



Accuracy is key!













ADA Topos: Signal Bases

 Additional signal base shots needed to determine if push button can be installed on the signal pole





ADA Topos: Doorways

★ Tie-in elevations at entrance



★ Height and tread width of bottom step





















Matching Stoops/Doorways





Matching Steps Example















ADA Topos: Curb Line Changes





Importance of Accurate Road Topos

















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Discussion: How long would a typical intersection take?















20-Scale Detail: Working Points



Construction Staking: Working Points

















Construction Staking: Back of Curb



















Construction Staking: Flow Line



















Construction Staking: Back of Curb





Construction Staking: Flow Line





Construction Staking: PAR





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Sidewalk Profiles











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Entrance Tie-ins







