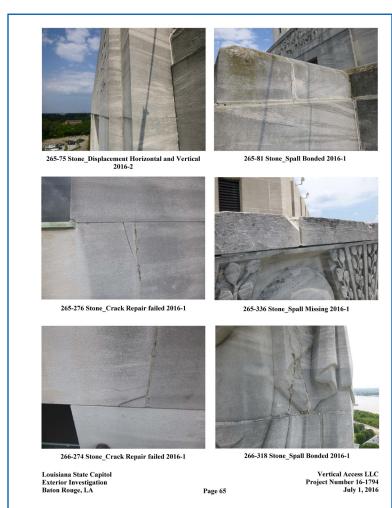


s part of Vertical Access' investigation of buildings and structures, we typically prepare a detailed and comprehensive Condition Survey Report. VA documents existing conditions using a combination of digital still color photography keyed to annotated drawings. To record existing conditions, Vertical Access has developed the Tablet PC Annotation System (TPAS®) that allows on-site annotation directly in AutoCAD. TPAS allows Vertical Access to input both graphical and numerical data directly into AutoCAD, on site, using tablet computers and digital cameras. We submit to the project client the Condition Survey Report in two formats: 1) a bound report with a written narrative, color photographs and annotated drawings and 2) a DVD or flash drive with digital files of all of the deliverables.



Photographs of representative and notable conditions

VA's Condition Survey Report contains the following components:

Report Narrative: The Report Narrative is a written narrative that describes the findings of the survey and investigation. Typically, it is divided into the following sections: 1) executive summary; 2) description of the deliverables; 3) description of the scope of work; 4) general observations, including a brief historical and architectural description of the structure; 5) description of specific conditions, with photographs of conditions referenced; 6) conclusion. The Report Narrative is submitted digitally as a .PDF document.

Photographs: During the survey, VA takes high resolution photographs of representative conditions and other notable conditions using digital still cameras. These photographs are included in a Photographs section of the report, typically six photographs per 8-1/2"x11" sheet of paper. The photographs are named with the type of condition and have a specific numeric (x-y coordinates) nomenclature that corresponds to the coordinates within the AutoCAD drawing where the conditions are located. In the digital format, the photographs are hyperlinked to the AutoCAD drawing so that they can be accessed from the drawing and viewed easily as digital files. The photographs are submitted digitally as .JPG files.

Drawings: During the field survey and investigation, VA annotates elevation and plan drawings in AutoCAD using a library of pre-defined graphic and code blocks for each material present. The severity and amount of each condition is recorded in the field as attributes of the block so that the drawings are used to both document and quantify the existing conditions. With the bound report, VA includes a 24"x36" set of drawings as well as reduced-scale 11"x17" set. The digital AutoCAD .DWG and drawing .PDF files are submitted with the final report as part of the project deliverables.

Spreadsheet of Extracted Data: VA includes in the bound report a spreadsheet containing the numerical survey data such as crack length and area of soiling that are recorded in the annotated AutoCAD drawings. The spreadsheet is also submitted digitally as an .XLS file that can be further formatted according to the various needs of the project.

Video Documentation: When VA provides video documentation as part of a project, the digital video footage is transferred to DVD for the project deliverable. Hi-definition video is used for a larger and better quality image.

