

GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (GAATN) INTERLOCAL AGENCY

GAATN TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

February 20, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

City of Austin Permitting and Development Center

6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr, Rm 1202, Austin, TX 78752

Teams Videoconference link provided 72 hours prior to meeting on homepage of www.gaatn.org

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order (Including a roll call):

GAATN Technical Subcommittee Chairman Jaime Guerra called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

The following announced as present at the start of the meeting:

Jaime Guerra, on behalf of UT-Austin (on site)

Dain Herbat, on behalf of Travis County (remote)

Anthony Breckenridge, on behalf of City of Austin (remote)

Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College (remote)

Steve Pyle, on behalf of State of Texas DIR (remote)

Justin Slocum, on behalf of Austin ISD (remote)

Harold Nall, on behalf of UT-Austin (remote)

Bo Kinsey, on behalf of Travis County (remote)

Chris Phillips, on behalf of LCRA (remote)

Frank Ammons, on behalf of GAATN (remote)

Carlos DeMatos, on behalf of GAATN (remote)

A quorum was established at roll call.

GAATN Contractors:

Chris Gonzales, on behalf of BryComm (remote)

Doug Wilson, on behalf of JC Communications (remote)

2. Citizen Communications: There were no citizen communications.

3. Review and approve minutes from the regular Technical Subcommittee meeting of January 23, 2024

Gary Weseman moved to approve the draft minutes as presented; Harold Nall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. Maintenance Contractor's Report

A. Maintenance report

Chris reported that, since the previous meeting, the maintenance contractor completed inspections on B1N and B1S with 27 corrected deficiencies between the two rings. He noted that there were a lot pole transfers on B1S due to several poles being changed out by AE along Woodward close to South Congress. He said 11 transfers were completed and there were 15 pending that will probably be completed by the next inspection cycle.

B. Inventory report

Chris reported that there were no changes to this report since the previous meeting.

5. Network Manager's Report

A. Project status report

Frank reported on the following upcoming and recently completed jobs:

- GAATN is currently under a moratorium for the election.

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- D1N relocation at 1017 Springdale – replacement of permanent repair at Webberville Rd – to be scheduled
- UT B1N JJ Pickle node redundancy install – completed 2/5/24

B. Network incident report

There were no new incidents to report for the previous month.

C. Job budget report

Frank reported that management is tracking 51 jobs totaling \$3.3 million. So far for FY24, 18 jobs have been completed and \$512k has been invoiced; \$2.8 million remains encumbered for 33 pending jobs. Also, for FY24, \$162k has been recovered for damage claims and project reimbursements. With the addition of the remaining costs for the Backup NOCC four transport ring decommissioning approved at last month's board meeting, the fund balance bottom line is \$803k.

D. Reminder about GAATN Cost Avoidance Report

Frank noted that this is just a friendly reminder to members that Sarah sent out the individual entity cost avoidance spreadsheets on Feb 6 and requested that entities complete and respond by next Tues, Feb 27. So far, she has only received two responses. Management will compile and summarize the responses for presentation to the Board at the March or April Board meeting. Jaime noted that if an entity wants to get closer to an apples to apples comparison, then they should probably put a quantity of two circuits for ring-connected sites. He noted one of the benefits of using GAATN is that entity's ring-connected sites can have geo-diverse services to provide them with connectivity.

6. Committee Chairperson's Update – discussion and possible action on (45 minutes):

A. Austin ISD 2022 Bond Projects Impact to GAATN Super node Sites (Travis HS, Northeast ECHS, and Crockett HS)

Justin said there were no updates from AISD at this time.

B. Backup NOCC Decommissioning

Frank reported that the remainder of the costs for the four transport ring decommissioning was approved at the last Board meeting. He noted that a meeting will be taking place soon with the GAATN Chairs and City of Austin Board Member and Executives regarding the Backup NOCC ILA agreement, decommissioning, and relocation.

C. Backup NOCC Relocation and Subcommittee Update

Frank said that management met with the City of Austin Historic Preservation Office regarding the submittal required for Historic commission approval. He said they don't see an issue with the submittal since GAATN is not adding onto the historic building. He noted that the tricky part is that there are three deeds associated with that lot. The submittal must be turned in by March 8 for it to be considered at the April 3 commission meeting. Frank noted that this commission approval is the last hurdle before the City can give GAATN the official approval to relocate. Jaime asked if the next step is for the formation of the new ILA; Frank said he requested for the fire department to give the green light, but he thinks they are waiting until the historic commission approval. Jaime noted that GAATN is looking at getting a professional survey, at the recommendation of the NOCC subcommittee, of the property.

7. Executive Session: There was no executive session.

8. Updated roll call upon reconvening in open session (only if Executive Session taken): There was no updated roll call.

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- 9. Confirm date, time, and location for the next Technical Subcommittee meeting as March 19, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. at City of Austin Permitting and Development Center 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr, Room 1202, Austin, TX 78752 and via Microsoft Teams Videoconference.**

The date, time, and location for the next regular Technical Subcommittee meeting were confirmed; the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.