

**GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (GAATN)  
INTERLOCAL AGENCY**

**GAATN TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

MEETING HELD July 25, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

AT Lower Colorado River Authority

LCRA Service Center, Room A504

3505 Montopolis Blvd.

Austin, Texas

**MINUTES**

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

Jaime Guerra, on behalf of the University of Texas

Dain Herbat, on behalf of Travis County

Mace Royston, on behalf of Lower Colorado River Authority

Chris Gonzales, on behalf of BryComm LLC

Sarah Eichelberger, on behalf of GAATN

Carlos DeMatos, on behalf of GAATN

Bruce Hermes, on behalf of City of Austin

John Kohlmorgan, on behalf of Austin ISD

Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College

Steve Pyle, on behalf of State of Texas DIR

Jay Graves, on behalf of State of Texas DIR

Wayne Wedemeyer, on behalf of the University of Texas

A quorum was established at roll call.

Members of the public:

Mike Ragain, on behalf of JC Communications

Tom McElhaney, on behalf of Titus Systems

**2. Citizen Communications**

There were no citizen communications.

**3. Review and approve minutes from the regular Technical Subcommittee meeting of June 20, 2017**

Jaime Guerra asked members to review the draft minutes from the regular Technical Subcommittee meeting of June 20, 2017. Dain Herbat moved to approve the draft minutes as presented; Mace Royston seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**4. Committee Chair's Update and Report (45 minutes)**

**A. GAATN Backup NOCC update**

Carlos said the NOCC subcommittee met on July 6 to review the final design and made a recommendation to have COA data center experts review the final design and provide feedback. Jaime Guerra stated that the subcommittee wanted management to compile feedback from the subject-matter experts and the Convention Center to send to TTG for final changes to the design. John Kohlmorgan asked if COA and the Convention Center had determined who would manage the buildout. Bruce Hermes stated that the Convention Center requested that a COA team oversee the construction that would include COA CTM and COA building services. John Kohlmorgan asked if

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that meant that COA would oversee the construction bidding process; Bruce Hermes said he thought that would be the case. Jaime Guerra asked about the construction management fee for COA.

### **B. DPS Relocation from PBX to Data Center discussion**

Carlos reported that DPS is relocating to its new data center and showed a presentation with information pertinent to the other entities present in that facility. Steve Pyle asked Carlos if management could set up a tour for members to view the facility and equipment. Carlos said he did a site survey and looked at several entities that have equipment present. Carlos said that if an entity's equipment services anyone inside the building, then management will work with those entities to coordinate migrating their fibers within the building. Carlos said he would contact members and schedule a time for them to view the new data center. Jaime Guerra asked if people on the tour would need to be CJIS cleared, Carlos said they would not need that clearance because management and DIR will be escorting them.

### **C. Seeking recommendation for assignment of D1N Splice Audit to GAATN Maintenance Contractor**

Carlos reported that management is seeking reassignment of the D1N Splice Audit to the GAATN maintenance contractor due to the ongoing issues with the Moves, Adds, and Changes contractor that this job was originally awarded to and also because management considers these audits maintenance. Jaime Guerra said he agreed with the recommendation. John Kohlmorgan asked if the maintenance contract facilitated such work. Dain Herbat stated that he thinks this is beyond the scope of the maintenance contract; Carlos agreed. John Kohlmorgan said there are contract provisions for the maintenance contractor to perform work requested by GAATN beyond the base maintenance contract. Bruce Hermes suggested this agenda item be deferred to a future meeting. John Kohlmorgan agreed and said the GAATN attorney should review the maintenance contract and advise the Board before moving forward with this reassignment request. Carlos DeMatos said that the Board already approved for the maintenance contractor to perform the C1N Splice Audit; John Kohlmorgan said that GAATN needs to hold off on that project too until the GAATN attorney completes his review and advises the Board either in person or in writing.

### **D. Seeking recommendation for A1N Segment 8 Non Armored Replacement Project**

Carlos stated that network management is recommending reassignment of this project from Titus to JC Communications due to ongoing issues they are having with Titus's lack of performance. Dain Herbat asked if GAATN owed Titus anything for this project; Carlos stated that the only billable expense would be for the fiber they purchased. Dain asked if GAATN would pay Titus for the fiber they purchased for this project; Carlos confirmed that GAATN will pay Titus for the fiber. Carlos displayed the proposal from JC Communications and stated that the design has not changed. Dain asked if there would be additional costs over what was previously approved by the Board; Carlos said yes the JC proposal is approximately \$8,380 above the not-to-exceed amount previously approved for this project. Wayne Wedemeyer and John Kohlmorgan said they want the GAATN attorney to review this reassignment request and advise the Board on its options. John Kohlmorgan said there should be an agenda item regarding contractor performance so the GAATN Board can seek legal counsel.

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### **E. Seeking recommendation for A1N Segment 10 Non Armored Replacement Project**

Jaime Guerra requested to postpone this agenda item to a future Board meeting pending legal counsel.

### **F. Notification of August 22 Special Design Session Meeting**

Carlos said that network management proposed scheduling a special design session meeting as part of the August 22 Technical meeting. Bruce Hermes asked what the scope of that meeting would be; Jaime said the discussion topics would include Convention Center, Longhorn Dam, capacity expansion of A1N, and the non-armored replacement of SRN/SRS. Gary Weseman stated that he did not think it would be a good use of time unless the Board discussed geographical expansion or re-routes of the current footprint. Carlos said that network management is looking for direction from the Board on what projects it would like to pursue. Gary Weseman said management should consider how the new Austin Energy policies will result in increased costs for GAATN future buildout. Jaime Guerra said that it didn't seem appropriate to have a special design session meeting at this time, but rather he would like for management to provide some concepts the members might want to explore further including Longhorn Dam and potential outer ring pathways. Jaime Guerra discussed developing a proposal to bring new members on board. John Kohlmorgan said GAATN could benefit from a five- to 10-year strategic plan. Jaime Guerra asked management to put Longhorn Dam and future expansion ideas on the next Technical agenda.

## **5. Maintenance Contractor's Report**

### **A. Maintenance updates**

Chris Gonzales reported that, since the previous meeting, the maintenance contractor completed inspections on SRN, SRS and A1N; they corrected 21 deficiencies on the three rings. Wayne Wedemeyer asked Chris if the maintenance contractor was noting where the GAATN cable is below 15'6"; Chris said only on street crossings, driveways – wherever there is vehicular accessibility. John Kohlmorgan said he is concerned about being proactive with all of the new construction and making sure the maintenance contractor inspects the fiber before construction starts.

### **B. Material Inventory status**

Chris stated that there were no changes to the inventory report since last meeting.

## **6. Project and Budget Review**

### **A. GAATN Project Status report**

Carlos reviewed the following completed projects:

Projects completed since the previous meeting –

- IH35 Woodland to Woodward Re-route – completed 7/13
- US183 Bergstrom Improvement Project – completed 6/24

### **B. Job Budget Tracking review**

Sarah reported that the \$805k FY18 MAC budget is currently 34% committed, leaving \$534k remaining for additional jobs.

## **7. Executive Session:** There was no executive session.

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- 8. Confirm date, time, and location for the next Technical Subcommittee meeting as August 22, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at the LCRA Service Center, 3505 Montopolis Blvd., Room A504, Austin, TX.**

- A. Add any agenda topics for next month's meeting.**

The date, time, and location for the next regular Technical Subcommittee meeting were confirmed; the meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.