

# GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (GAATN) INTERLOCAL AGENCY

## GAATN TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

March 12, 2019 at approximately 1:45 PM  
Lower Colorado River Authority  
LCRA Service Center, Room A502/503  
3505 Montopolis Blvd.  
Austin, Texas

### MINUTES

**1. Call to Order (Including a roll call) at the conclusion of the Special Board Meeting estimated to be at 1:45 PM.**

GAATN Technical Subcommittee Chairman Jaime Guerra called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM. The following announced as present at the start of the meeting:

Jaime Guerra, on behalf of the University of Texas  
John Kohlmorgan, on behalf of Austin ISD  
Harold Nall, on behalf of the University of Texas  
Dain Herbat, on behalf of Travis County  
Carlos DeMatos, on behalf of GAATN  
Bo Kinsey, on behalf of Travis County  
Chris Gonzales, on behalf of BryComm LLC  
Laura Gonzalez, on behalf of GAATN  
Bruce Hermes, on behalf of City of Austin  
Ruben Reyes, on behalf of City of Austin arrived 1:50 PM  
Mace Royston, on behalf of Lower Colorado River Authority arrived 1:41 PM

Members of Public in attendance:

Robert Sadler LCRA  
Wayne Wedemeyer

**2. Citizen Communications (3 minutes)**

There were no citizen communications.

**3. Review and approve minutes from the regular Technical Subcommittee meeting of February 19, 2019 (5 minutes)**

Dain Herbat moved to approve the draft minutes as presented; Mace Royston seconded the motion and it passed with one abstention by Bruce Hermes.

**4. Maintenance Contractor's Report (5 minutes)**

**A. Maintenance updates**

Chris Gonzales reported that since the last meeting, the maintenance contractor completed inspection on B1N with 23 current deficiencies and 43 pending items, the majority being pole transfers. By the next meeting the contractor will have all the splice cases labeled.

**B. Material Inventory status**

Chris Gonzales reported that there are no changes to the inventory status.

**5. Project and Budget Review (10 minutes)**

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### A. GAATN Backup NOCC Project Status Update

Carlos Dematos reported that the Backup NOCC Project is on hold pending negotiations between the City of Austin and Public Works for funding and transfer of funds. Progress from last month is that PW wants GAATN to pay contractors directly.

Bruce Hermes reported that there is a meeting scheduled on Thursday regarding funding. The issue is that there are two funding flows: one to the PW project manager and one to the contractor. PW needs a funding code for the contractor and CTM does not have one either. Once the funding code is determined, the selection process for the contractor can begin.

Per John Kohlmorgan, AISD (as GAATN's financial agent) is not able to pay the contractor directly since GAATN is not the contracting entity of the RFP. John would like to confer with Syd for legal counsel. Dain's suggestion is that GAATN transfers funds to CTM/COA to create the funding code necessary to pay the contractor. John would also like if the funding was not transferred as a lump sum.

Bruce will take the Board's suggestions to the COA meeting on Thursday, 3/14.

### B. Treaty Oak Decommissioning Project

Carlos Dematos reported that A2N and SRS will be scheduled concurrently in April after SXSW; next will be A1N then SRN. Excavation permits have been approved by GAATN and are continuing in the approval process.

### C. GAATN Project Status report

Carlos Dematos reported that C1N and D1N CTECC at Tilly St. testing will be completed today. COA UPS replacement is pending scheduling. Added a future project for TxDOT at Oak Hill and Hwy 290 (C2S) for the new TxDOT campus on Burleson Rd.; funding to be determined. Completed projects include C1S COA Onion Creek Fire Station and A1N UT site at 3200 Red River.

### D. Job Budget Tracking review

Laura Gonzalez reported that GAATN is tracking 15 projects totaling \$418k with \$307k remaining in the FY19 budget.

Jamie Guerra asked for recommendations to spend remaining \$307k. Dain Herbat reported that the Austin Convention Center relocation will cost \$1.2m. More items may be prioritized pending upcoming design meeting.

## 6. Committee Chair's Update and Report – discussion and possible action on (60 minutes)

### A. GAATN Fiberlight Joint Bore Status Update

Carlos Dematos reported that GAATN legal counsel will meet Friday with Fiberlight legal counsel to finalize and complete the joint trench agreement. The agreement will be sent to April Board meeting for contract and final cost approval. The maintenance agreement has been separated from the initial agreement per Syd's recommendation.

Carlos Dematos reported that he will be meeting with Znet legal counsel regarding a separate conduit offer for 4 conduits downtown that are for sale. He offered an open invitation to committee members to attend to hear their offer. Carlos will bring a report of that meeting to next board meeting. Dain expressed interest in attending the meeting.

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### **B. Design Session Subcommittee Update**

Bo, Gary, and John attended. Carlos has produced a document to help entity-specific planning to bring to the design meeting. The subcommittee will meet to finalize the document before disseminating it to entity reps to complete and return.

30-45 days after the dissemination, the design meeting will take place to review the completed documents.

**7. Executive Session:** There were no items discussed in executive session.

**8. Confirm date, time, and location for the next Technical Subcommittee meeting as April 16, 2019 at 1:30 PM. at the LCRA Service Center, 3505 Montopolis Blvd., Room A504, Austin, TX.**

The date, time, and location for the next regular Technical Subcommittee meeting were confirmed; the meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.