

GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (GAATN) INTERLOCAL AGENCY

GAATN TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING HELD January 21, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

AT Lower Colorado River Authority
LCRA Service Center, Room A502/503
3505 Montopolis Blvd.
Austin, Texas

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

Harold Nall, on behalf of UT-Austin

Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College

Steve Pyle, on behalf of State of Texas DIR

Bruce Hermes, on behalf of City of Austin

Frank Ammons, on behalf of GAATN

Carlos DeMatos, on behalf of GAATN

Sarah Eichelberger, on behalf of GAATN

Mace Royston, on behalf of Lower Colorado River Authority

Bo Kinsey, on behalf of Travis County

A quorum was established at roll call.

2. Citizen Communications: There were no citizen communications.

3. Review and approve minutes from the regular Technical Subcommittee meeting of December 17, 2019

Bruce Hermes moved to approve the draft minutes from the December 17, 2019 Technical Subcommittee meeting as presented; Gary Weseman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. Maintenance Contractor's Report

A. Maintenance updates

Carlos reported, since the last meeting, the maintenance contractor completed inspection of SRS and corrected 11 deficiencies; 12 poles transfers are pending.

B. Material Inventory status

Carlos reported that 5k feet of reel 704 were used for the C1N permanent repair at Willamette on 12/17/19.

5. Committee Chairperson's Update – discussion and possible action on:

A. Cap Metro License Agreement

Frank said this is a notification to tech members that consideration of this agreement will be forthcoming at the next Board Meeting. Frank asked members to review the sample agreement for discussion at the Board meeting. Jaime said he would like to understand the one-time and recurring costs. Jaime said since Cap Metro is an organization that is eligible to join GAATN, he suggests the license agreement include some language that speaks to termination if Cap Metro

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joins GAATN in the future. Bruce said he would like to see consideration of a one-time fee for a perpetual license.

B. Allocation of 192-count fiber on subbrings

This agenda item was discussed in executive session under Tex. Gov't Code section 418.181. Upon reconvening in open session, Jaime said network management will provide suggestions on how the subbrings would splice into 192-count fiber. Gary said he would assist network management with the allocation charts.

C. Seeking recommendation for B2S reroute along Burleson Road project to make use of Fiberlight duct bank

This agenda item was discussed in executive session under Tex. Gov't Code section 418.181. Upon reconvening in open session, Gary Weseman moved to recommend for Board approval the B2S reroute along Burleson Road project to make use of the Fiberlight duct bank; Bruce Hermes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. Network Manager's Update

A. GAATN Backup NOCC project update

Frank said that Public Works requested and will receive a best and final offer on January 26 from the vendor who provided an estimate for the backup NOCC buildout. Frank noted that the City of Austin Capital Contracting Office (CCO) cannot execute a contract with IMEG because IMEG does not agree to all of the terms and conditions for the COA. Frank said he spoke with the GAATN attorney and they are working together to extend IMEG's original contract with GAATN for them to revise the final design; the estimate to revise the design is not to exceed \$28k. Bruce said he met with the department heads and the biggest issue that is holding up the project is the push back that CCO is getting from IMEG; Bruce is suggesting that PW and CCO initiate a conversation with IMEG to seek a resolution. Steve asked who from the Technical Subcommittee would review the design; Frank said the design documents are on the GAATN SFTP site and asked members to email management if they cannot locate their site credentials.

B. GAATN Project Status report

Frank reported on the following upcoming/completed projects:

- SRN/A2N Reroutes for Capitol Complex – this project is still pending developer schedule and network management will send out a notice as soon as it is scheduled.
- C1N TxDOT US183 Direct Connect Project phase 2 – completed 12/17
- C1N Permanent repair at Willamette Drive – completed 12/17
- ACC B2S/B1S connection to Data Center – scheduled to complete 1/30
- UT A2N node cable replacement – completed 1/12
- DIR C1N new node at TxDOT – completed 1/9
- AISD D1N Govalle ES renovations – completed 12/30
- COA A2N/SRN Waller Creek Sabine Promenade – completed 12/12

C. Job Budget Tracking report

Sarah reported management is tracking 12 budget-affecting jobs totaling \$545k, leaving \$172k remaining for additional jobs. She noted that GAATN is expecting to recover \$200k of that \$545k in this fiscal year from reimbursements/damage recovery. Jaime asked if management needs to bring additional jobs for approval. Frank said he would like to bring some splice case and aerial audits for approval. Jaime suggested bringing additional A1N segments for approval; Gary said the issue would be getting those completed in this fiscal year. Jaime said management could bring these projects for approval for next fiscal year's budget.

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- 7. Executive Session:** Jaime Guerra adjourned the Technical Subcommittee for closed session at 1:44 p.m., under Tex. Gov't Code section 418.181 ("H.B. 9"), to preserve confidentiality as permitted by law (including but not limited to pending, anticipated or contemplated litigation concerning) regarding Agenda Items 5B and 5C.

Jaime Guerra reconvened the Technical Subcommittee in open session at 2:22 p.m. Agenda Items 5B and 5C were the only items discussed.

- 8. Confirm date, time, and location for the next Technical Subcommittee meeting as February 18, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at the LCRA Service Center, 3505 Montopolis Blvd., Room A504, Austin, TX.**
The date, time, and location for the next Technical Subcommittee meeting were confirmed. The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.