

GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (GAATN) INTERLOCAL AGENCY

GAATN TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

March 21, 2023 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

Remote audio-only option for public access: (512) 831-7858, Access Code: 966 307 47#

MINUTES

1. Call to Order (Including a roll call)

GAATN Technical Subcommittee Chairman Jaime Guerra called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

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

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)

Dain Herbat, on behalf of Travis County (remote)

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

Justin Slocum, on behalf of Austin ISD (remote)

Chris Phillips, on behalf of LCRA (remote)

Bo Kinsey, on behalf of Travis County (remote)

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

Paul Hodge, on behalf of Austin ISD (remote)

James Denman, on behalf of LCRA (remote)

Frank Ammons, on behalf of GAATN (remote)

Carlos DeMatos, on behalf of GAATN (remote)

Sarah Eichelberger, 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 February 21, 2023

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

4. Maintenance Contractor's Report

A. Maintenance report

Chris reported that, since the last meeting, the maintenance contractor completed inspections on B1N and B1S with 15 corrected deficiencies between the two rings. There was nothing out of the ordinary to report.

B. Inventory report

Chris said there were no changes to this report since the last meeting.

5. Network Manager's Report

A. Project status report

Carlos reported on the following upcoming and recently completed projects:

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- A1N Upgrade project Segment 7 – scheduled to complete 3/23
- D1N emergency repair of gunshot damage at Hargrave St – completed 3/13
- Travis County C2S Mansfield Dam Park – scheduled to complete 3/23

B. Network status report

Carlos reported on the damage that occurred on 3/13/23 on D1N at Hargrave Street. AISD cable was damaged by gunfire and BryComm performed an emergency repair to the damaged buffer tubes only using existing slack. Management will determine if a permanent repair is needed and report back to the Tech committee.

C. Splice case analysis of chips vs. heat shrinks

Per the request of a Tech member at a previous meeting, management compiled the information concerning heat shrinks vs. chipped silicone splices on the network. The data showed that 46% of the GAATN network is spliced with chipped silicone, however all new splices are done using heat shrinks. Frank said that management is still working on the data showing the age of the cable on the different rings and will bring that information to a future tech meeting. The tech members agreed that there was no further action to be taken on this item at this time.

D. Job budget report

Sarah reported that management is tracking 45 jobs totaling \$3.4 million. So far for FY23, 9 jobs have been completed and \$342k has been invoiced. There are still 36 active jobs pending completion.

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

Agenda Items 6A, 6B, 6C, and 6D were discussed in executive session under Texas Government Codes 551.089 and 418.181. Upon reconvening in open session, Gary Weseman moved to recommend for Board approval Agenda items 6A, 6B, 6C, and 6D; Steve Pyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A. Seeking recommendation for new UT tie cable to Dobie Twenty21 entity-specific project at no cost to GAATN

B. Seeking recommendation for Travis County A1N – 192 Upgrade at Ronald Earl Building Input GAATN-funded project at a cost not to exceed \$65k to be funded by FY24 MAC budget

C. Seeking recommendation for Travis County A1N – 192 Upgrade at Ronald Earl Building Output GAATN-funded project at a cost not to exceed \$58k to be funded by FY24 MAC budget

D. Seeking recommendation for Travis County A2N – 192 Upgrade at Ronald Earl Building GAATN-funded project at a cost not to exceed \$47k to be funded by FY24 MAC budget

- 7. Executive Session:** At 1:57 p.m., Jaime Guerra adjourned the GAATN Technical Subcommittee for closed session, under Tex. Gov't Code sections 551.089 and 418.181 ("H.B. 9"), to preserve confidentiality as permitted by law regarding Agenda Items 6A, 6B, 6C, and 6D.

At 2:07 p.m., Jaime Guerra reconvened the GAATN Technical Subcommittee in open session. Agenda Items 6A, 6B, 6C, and 6D were the only items discussed. Any further discussion held or action taken on agenda items discussed in executive session will be noted in the summary for that agenda item.

8. Updated roll call upon reconvening in open session (only if Executive Session taken):

An updated roll call was taken and all members that announced as present at the initial roll call announced as present again at the updated roll call. A quorum was re-established.

- 9. Confirm date, time, and location for the next Technical Subcommittee meeting as April 18, 2023 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.**

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The date, time, and location for the next Technical Subcommittee were confirmed, the meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.