

GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (GAATN) INTERLOCAL AGENCY

GAATN TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

April 18, 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

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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:

Dain Herbat, on behalf of Travis County (remote) – left meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Leslye Conoley, on behalf of City of Austin (remote)

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

Justin Slocum, on behalf of Austin ISD (remote)

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

Chris Phillips, on behalf of LCAR (remote)

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

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

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

Bo Kinsey, on behalf of Travis County (remote)

Paul Hodge, on behalf of Austin ISD (remote)

John Greiner, on behalf of Austin ISD (remote)

Frank Ammons, on behalf of GAATN (on site)

Carlos DeMatos, on behalf of GAATN (on site)

Sarah Eichelberger, on behalf of GAATN (remote)

Syd Falk, GAATN attorney (remote) – left meeting at 2:47 p.m.

A quorum was established at roll call.

Members of the public/GAATN contractors:

Chris Gonzales, on behalf of BryComm (remote)

Doug Wilson, on behalf of JC Communications (remote)

Marty Negron, on behalf of City of Austin (remote)

Lisa Moore, on behalf of City of Austin (remote)

2. Citizen Communications: There were no citizen communications.

3. Review and approve minutes from the regular Technical Subcommittee meeting of March 21, 2023

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

4. Maintenance Contractor's Report

A. Maintenance report

Chris reported that the maintenance contractor completed inspections on B2S, C1N and C1S with 16 corrected deficiencies between the three rings. He noted that there was an uptick in pole transfers.

B. Inventory report

Chris reported that the maintenance contractor used 1,112 feet of reel 647 for the SRS emergency repair at 2708 St. Edwards Circle.

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5. Network Manager's Report

A. Project status report

Frank reviewed the following upcoming and recently completed projects:

- D1N emergency repair at Sara Dr. gun fire damage – completed 4/10
- C1N permanent repair at Hwy290 and Johnny Morris – completed 4/6
- SRS emergency repair at 2708 St. Edwards Cir. cable cut – completed 4/3
- A1N upgrade segment 7 project – completed 3/23
- D1N emergency repair at Hargrave Dt. gun fire damage – completed 3/13
- Travis County C2S Mansfield Dam new node install – completed 3/23

B. Network status report

Frank reported on the following network outage incidents since the previous meeting:

- 4/10/23 – D1N cable gun fire damage south of Sara Dr. Affected COA and DIR strands. BryComm performed an emergency repair using existing slack and repairing only the damaged buffer tubes.
- 4/3/23 – SRS cable cut mid span by unknown person on property behind 2708 St. Edwards Circle. All entities were affected. BryComm performed an emergency repair on all strands and used 1,112 feet of GAATN stock fiber reel 647. This will be permanently repaired with the SRS upgrade project.

C. Job budget report

Sarah reported that management is tracking 48 jobs totaling \$3.4 million. So far for FY23, 13 jobs have been completed and \$414k has been invoiced. The fund balance bottom line is \$979k.

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

A. Seeking recommendation to award AISD 23RFP042 GAATN Bentley Management

Sarah reported that this RFP closed on March 21 and there was only response from Advanced 1. She noted that the annual hosting fee increased by \$10k, and that was the first increase since 2014. Jaime Guerra moved to recommend for Board approval the awarding of AISD 23RFP042 GAATN Bentley Management to Advanced 1; Leslye Conoley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Seeking recommendation to award AISD 23RFP041 GAATN Moves, Adds, and Changes (MAC)

Sarah reported that this RFP closed on March 21 and there were only two responses, which were from GAATN's current contractors, JC Communications and BryComm. She reviewed the scoring matrix and explained how the financial score was calculated. She said that GAATN may award the RFP to both vendors if it so chooses. Jaime asked what the evaluation subcommittee recommended; Sarah explained that the responses were independently scored and asked any members of the evaluation subcommittee to discuss their recommendations. Frank, Leslye, and John all said they recommended awarding the RFP to both vendors. Jaime Guerra moved to recommend for Board approval the awarding of AISD 23RFP041 GAATN Moves, Adds, and Changes to BryComm and JC Communications; Steve Pyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

C. Review of GAATN Strand Allocations

This item was discussed in executive session under Texas Government Codes 551.089 and 418.181. Upon reconvening in open session, no additional discussion was held and no action was taken.

D. Austin ISD 2022 Bond Projects Impact to GAATN Super node Sites

John Greiner reported that Austin ISD has some bond projects that will impact GAATN super node sites. He said Travis Early College High School will be fully modernized, but the district hasn't decided if it will be a full reconstruct or modernizing the existing building. He said there are three options for GAATN: termination within the school in the MDF, separate drop in, or build a separate facility outside of the main school building. He said the last option would be the easiest because those who need to access the data room would not need to check in/out of the school to do so. He said AISD

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would like the GAATN Board to potentially partner with AISD to build the separate facility. Paul with AISD said they are looking for an alternative to Cyrus One and if the separate facility is approved, it would serve as an AISD data center and a GAATN super node site. Jaime asked when they anticipate the GAATN network will be impacted; John said it could be immediately impacted depending on what the district decides with respect to construction. Frank said they should keep in mind that it takes about two years to complete any projects that require Austin Energy approval. Dain asked John if it is asking GAATN to fund the separate facility; John said potentially if GAATN finds it mutually beneficial. Dain said that will be difficult for GAATN due to the relocation of the GAATN backup NOCC. Jaime said that any future design discussions for the super nodes can be held at future Tech meetings, but any related budgetary discussions should be held at the Board meetings.

E. Notice of Austin Convention Center Expansion Impact to GAATN Backup NOCC

This item was discussed in executive session under Texas Government Codes 551.071. Upon reconvening in open session, no additional discussion was held and no action was taken.

- 7. Executive Session:** At 1:54 p.m., Jaime Guerra adjourned the GAATN Technical Subcommittee for closed session, under one or more of Tex. Gov't Code sections 551.071, 551.089 and 4.181 ("H.B. 9"), to seek legal advice and/or to preserve confidentiality as permitted by law (including but not limited to pending, anticipated or contemplated litigation concerning) regarding Agenda Items 6C and 6E.

At 2:55 p.m., Jaime Guerra reconvened the GAATN Technical Subcommittee in open session; Agenda Items 6C and 6E were the only items discussed. Any additional discussion held or action taken on agenda items discussed in executive session will be noted in the agenda item summary.

- 8. Updated roll call upon reconvening in open session (only if Executive Session taken):** Sarah noted that the following members left the meeting during executive session: Syd Falk left at 2:47 p.m. and Dain Herbat left at 2:50 p.m. She noted that all other members present at the initial roll call were present upon reconvening in open session.
- 9. Confirm date, time, and location for the next Technical Subcommittee meeting as May 16, 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.**

The date, time, and location of the next Technical Subcommittee meeting were confirmed; the meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.