

GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (GAATN) INTERLOCAL AGENCY

GAATN TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

May 16, 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)

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

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

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

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

Chris Phillips, on behalf of LCRA (remote)

Justin Slocum, on behalf of Austin ISD (remote)

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

Bo Kinsey, on behalf of Travis County (remote)

Paul Hodge, on behalf of Austin ISD (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 April 18, 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, since the last meeting, the maintenance contractor completed inspections on C1S and C2S with 14 corrected deficiencies between the two rings. There was nothing out of the ordinary to report.

B. Inventory report

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

5. Network Manager's Report

A. Project status report

Carlos reported on the following upcoming and recently completed projects:

- A2N Emergency underground repair at 10th and Colorado – completed 5/1
- B2S COA ACC Marshalling Facility new node install – scheduled to complete 5/25

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B. Network status report

Carlos reported that, since the last meeting, there was one damage incident on the network, which occurred on 4/29. It happened on A2N at 10th and Colorado when an underground contractor damaged buried GAATN conduit and fiber. After investigation, it was determined that the fiber had not been properly located by USIC. Management confirmed the mapping documentation was correct and GAATN should have been located. Carlos said that management will submit the claim to USIC. Carlos noted that the Board previously approved the A2N Ronald Earle Building (REB) projects that would include replacing this fiber in the next couple of years. Jaime asked about the permanent repair and whether the cost burden should be on the party liable for the damage; Carlos said that will require that the A2N REB project to be split into two phases, one phase for the permanent repair and the second phase for the remaining part of the project. He and the maintenance contractor will work on the permanent repair.

C. Job budget report

Sarah reported that management is tracking 48 jobs totaling \$3.46 million. So far for FY23, 14 jobs have been completed and \$482k has been invoiced. There are 34 jobs remaining and \$2.97 million encumbered. The fund balance bottom line is \$976k.

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

A. Seeking recommendation for AISD D1N Marshall Middle School new node install entity-specific project at no cost to GAATN

This agenda item was discussed in executive session under Texas Government Code 551.089 and 418.181. Upon reconvening in open session, Jaime Guerra moved to recommend for Board approval the AISD D1N Marshall Middle School new node install entity-specific project at no cost to GAATN; Steve Pyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Austin ISD 2022 Bond Projects Impact to GAATN Super node Sites (Travis HS, Northeast ECHS, and Crockett HS)

Carlos said management is concerned about this impact and are requesting as much information as possible from Austin ISD regarding these campus projects and the impact to the GAATN super nodes. He said management would need to work with all entities that have cross connections at these campuses to find a temporary solution until the projects are completed. Paul said, of the three GAATN super node sites, only Travis High School is slated for a complete reconstruction; the other two campuses (Northeast and Crockett) will be phased renovations and he's not yet sure what the impact will be to the GAATN super nodes. Carlos asked Austin ISD to keep him in the loop so GAATN can have plenty of time to plan. Dain said that aerial splices will not work for Travis County's cross connections; Jaime agreed that would not work for UT as well. Carlos said he will look at a temporary location for cross connects. Jaime asked if this should also be discussed by the NOCC subcommittee since it is similar scope as the NOCC relocation; Carlos said that was up to the members of the subcommittee.

C. Austin Convention Center Expansion and GAATN Backup NOCC relocation

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

7. Executive Session: At 1:47 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 and 6C.

At 2:30 p.m., Jaime Guerra reconvened the GAATN Technical Subcommittee in open session. Agenda Items 6A and 6C were the only items discussed. Any further discussion held or action taken in open

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session 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 upon reconvening in open session. All members that announced as present at the initial roll call announced as present at the updated roll call. A quorum was re-established.

9. Confirm date, time, and location for the next Technical Subcommittee meeting as June 20, 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 for the next Technical Subcommittee meeting were confirmed; the meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.