

GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (GAATN) INTERLOCAL AGENCY

GAATN TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING HELD May 18, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Via Teleconference at (512) 831-7858 Conference ID: 656 306 121#

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:

Frank Ammons, on behalf of GAATN

Carlos DeMatos, on behalf of GAATN

Chris Gonzales, on behalf of BryComm, GAATN Maintenance contractor

Bo Kinsey, on behalf of Travis County

Harold Nall, on behalf of UT-Austin

Steve Pyle, on behalf of State of Texas DIR

John Kohlmorgan, on behalf of Austin ISD

Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College

Dain Herbat, on behalf of Travis County

Jaime Guerra, on behalf of UT-Austin

Mace Royston, on behalf of LCRA

A quorum was established at roll call.

Joining after the meeting started:

Ruben Reyes, on behalf of City of Austin, joined at 2:45 p.m.

2. Citizen Communications: There were no citizen communications.

3. Review and approve minutes from the regular Technical Subcommittee meeting of April 20, 2021

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 SRS and A1N with 17 corrected deficiencies between the two rings.

B. Inventory report

Chris reported that the only change is that they used 454 ft of an AISD reel for the AISD C2S Cunningham node re-route that was spliced on May 5.

5. Network Manager's Report

A. GAATN Backup NOCC Status Update

Frank reviewed the two-week look ahead schedule in the handouts. He will be visiting the site again tomorrow. He said a meeting was held the previous week onsite to discuss access and there will be badge reader access. He noted there is a security team downstairs that you must check in with and they will escort members or contractors to the GAATN room. However, management has requested that members and contractors who have badges to be able to access the room without being escorted. He is getting quotes from the City of Austin for generator maintenance and will keep the Board and Tech Committee updated as he gets proposals. Steve asked if management will be looking at other vendors besides City of Austin; Frank said yes proposals will be requested from third parties.

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Jaime asked if the Convention Center has representation at the regular construction meetings and if they've given any feedback as to the impact of the construction on their operations. Frank said there is a regular meeting every other Thursday and they do typically have representation but they weren't able to make the last meeting where badge access was discussed. He said they've been very vocal on issues such as badge access, and now the Convention Center is ramping back up with events. So far though, the construction hasn't created any issues and they don't anticipate any hinderance to completing construction.

B. Project status report

Frank reported on the following upcoming and recently completed projects:

- A1N upgrade segment 3 phase 1 – scheduled to complete 5/20
- A1N upgrade segment 3 phase 2 – scheduled to complete 5/26
- B1S splice case audits – ongoing through at least 5/21
- A1N upgrade segment 5 – testing still pending for LCRA/COA/TC to be scheduled soon
- A1N upgrade segment 13 – completed 5/10
- C1N emergency repair at Dobbie Middle School – completed 5/4
- AISD C2S Cunningham Elementary School renovation – completed 5/5
- UT D1N John Chase Building new node – completed 4/19

Frank discussed the A1N upgrade project for segment 5 and the issues JC had. He said the splicing went beyond the projected window and the testing did not complete the next day; there are still three entities (LCRA, COA and TC) that have not been tested. Frank held an after-action meeting with JC to review their mistakes and discuss ways to improve. He said they'd not worked on GAATN since pre-COVID and they were not aware of the COVID protocols for each facility. They also were given several entity contacts that did not know the facility access procedures for contractors. Frank has given JC updated access lists and procedures for all entities and advised them to schedule access two to three days prior to splicing. He noted that on the morning of the cut, there were three to four people contacted for each entity that did not respond, which meant JC was not able to start splicing until 9:30 a.m. He said the testing for the remaining 3 entities will be scheduled soon and he will be watching the contractor closely to ensure they don't have any issues with this project or future upcoming A1N projects.

C. Job budget report

Frank reported that management is tracking 37 jobs totaling \$1.8 million. 16 of the 37 jobs have been completed and management is anticipating that several jobs totaling at least \$300-400k will not be paid out until FY22.

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

A. Seeking recommendation for splice case audit for B1N to be funded from FY22 MAC at a cost not to exceed \$58,000

Frank said the next ring in succession to audit is B1N and since this ring is so large, management recommends just doing this one ring for FY22. He noted the last time B1N was audited was 2010. He reviewed the proposal and said it is in line with previous proposals. Jaime Guerra moved to recommend for Board approval the B1N splice case audit at a cost not to exceed \$58k to be funded from the FY22 MAC budget; Gary Weseman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Seeking recommendation for GAATN Backup NOCC terminations to be funded from FY22 MAC at a cost not to exceed \$168,000

Carlos reviewed the proposal for the terminations and said this project is to migrate all the rings that GAATN has in the old MDF to the new backup NOCC MDF. Everything will be done at 192 strands. The contractor will move and rack equipment and do cross connects as needed. All terminations will be done in LCs and all jumpers are accounted in the proposal including any equipment that is already in the old MDF. Dain asked if Carlos has reached out to the technical teams at the entities who have

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equipment there; Carlos said no because this project is about six months out but management will be reaching out to each entity's technical team as needed. He said the first thing will be to install a tie cable between the two rooms in order to keep all rings operational during the migration. Jaime said the amount is a little higher than initially estimated and asked Carlos the reason for the increase in cost. Carlos said the estimate was based on the cost of the re-terminations of City Hall which was completed several years ago. Frank said there will be some internal discussion to look at the cost difference between the City Hall terminations and the new backup NOCC terminations and management will outline that for the Board at the next meeting. John said he does not mind approving the project but he does not want this project on the consent agenda. Steve asked if management got more than one bid; Frank said that management recommends using the maintenance contractor because they are very experienced with this type of work and they did the City Hall terminations. Gary asked if this includes wreck out of the old plant and removing the tie cable after the migration is completed; Carlos said that is all included. Jaime Guerra moved to recommend for Board approval the GAATN Backup NOCC terminations at a cost not to exceed \$168k to be funded from the FY22 MAC budget; Dain Herbat seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

C. Seeking recommendation for COA new node on C2S at Fire Station 51 on SH71 entity-specific project at no cost to GAATN

This item was 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 the COA new node at C2S at Fire Station 51 on SH71 entity-specific project at no cost to GAATN; Steve Pyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

D. Review and discussion of TxDOT project CapEx-N 0015-10-0062 N183 to N-SH45 along IH35

This item was discussed in executive session under Texas Government Codes 551.089 and 418.181. Upon reconvening in open session, Jaime noted that management will review for potential highway crossings.

E. Review and discussion of TxDOT project CapEx-S 0015-13-077 S IH 35 SH71 to S-SH45

This item was discussed in executive session under Texas Government Codes 551.089 and 418.181. Upon reconvening in open session, Jaime noted that management will review for potential highway crossings.

F. Review and discussion of TxDOT project B2S FM 973 and Elroy Road CSJ 1200-03-61

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

- 7. Executive Session:** At 2:09 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 6C, 6D, 6E, and 6F. At 2:45 p.m., Jaime Guerra reconvened the GAATN Technical Subcommittee in open session. Agenda Items 6C, 6D, 6E and 6F were the only items discussed. Any action or discussion held on those agenda items in open session will be noted in the summary of that agenda item.

8. Confirm date, time, and location for the next Technical Subcommittee meeting as June 15, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. via teleconference.

The information for the next Technical Subcommittee meeting was confirmed; the meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.