

**GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (GAATN)
INTERLOCAL AGENCY**

GAATN TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING HELD June 19, 2018 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 the University of Texas
Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College
John Kohlmorgan, on behalf of Austin ISD
Steve Pyle, on behalf of State of Texas DIR
Harold Nall, on behalf of the University of Texas
Dain Herbat, on behalf of Travis County
Bo Kinsey, on behalf of Travis County
Carlos DeMatos, on behalf of GAATN
Mace Royston, on behalf of Lower Colorado River Authority
Sarah Eichelberger, on behalf of GAATN
Frank Ammons, on behalf of GAATN
Chris Gonzales, on behalf of BryComm LLC
A quorum was established at roll call.
Members of the public:
Wayne Wedemeyer, on behalf of the University of Texas
Jesse Gutierrez, on behalf of Travis County
Mike Ragain, on behalf of JC Communications

2. Citizen Communications

There were no citizen communications.

3. Review and approve minutes from the regular Technical Subcommittee meeting of May 15, 2018

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

4. Maintenance Contractor's Report

A. Maintenance updates

Chris Gonzales reported that the maintenance contractor completed inspections on A1N and A2N and corrected 21 deficiencies on those two rings.

B. Material Inventory

Chris stated that reel 705 was used for B1N perm repair at Cedar Bend. Dain Herbat asked management to order another reel of fiber to replenish.

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5. Project and Budget Review

A. GAATN Project Status report

Frank reviewed the following pending projects:

- Supernode Connector Alignment projects – there was a delay regarding access for the contractor. This should be resolved and rescheduled soon.
- B1N Permanent repair at Cedar Bend & MOPAC – completed 6/14
- A1N Segment 8 Non-armored replacement – completed 6/4
- B1N AISD Splice out at Doss and ES – scheduled to complete 6/21
- B2S COA 5202 Ben White – scheduled to complete 6/27
- COA splice out of FS29 – scheduled to complete 7/16
- D1N AISD Alternative Learning Center – scheduled to complete 7/23
- B2S COA New node at Cyrus One – completed 6/15
- A1N Travis County Ronald Earle Bldg – completed 6/6
- A2N Travis County Ronald Earle Bldg – completed 6/4
- Frank reported that JC Comm has received approval from AE on three of the four rings for the Treaty Oak project and those three strands are now awaiting ROW permitting from Public Works. Frank asked members if they were ready to give network management information regarding moving their equipment to the other GAATN NOCC. Frank asked members to reach out to network management with this information for their entity prior to the next Technical Meeting. Frank said that network management plans to bring a schedule to the next Technical Meeting.

B. Job Budget Tracking review

Sarah reported that management is tracking 38 jobs totaling \$769k, or 97% of the MAC budget. She said that management is awaiting eight invoices by the end of the week and she anticipates that GAATN will come very close to fully expending the FY18 MAC budget.

C. Bi-Annual Inventory Report

Carlos reported that he verified the GAATN inventory at the maintenance contractor's facility on Thursday, June 14, and everything was in order as per their inventory report.

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

A. Review of draft policy and impact of new GAATN MAC Contractors as related to entity-specific projects

Frank said this item was requested by a Board member with regards to the recent MAC contracts that were awarded. He said that GAATN has historically operated such that only approved GAATN contractors may touch the GAATN network and management found that it is written into the Network Expansion policy. Frank also reviewed a draft policy drafted by network management. Jaime Guerra said there have been several Board actions taken historically that limit those who can work on the network to GAATN approved contractors. The Technical Subcommittee directed management to work with GAATN legal on this policy and bring it back for further review and consideration.

B. Seeking recommendation for revision to GAATN Technical Guidelines section on Supernode Facility Entry

Frank reviewed the draft section added to the GAATN Technical Guidelines. He said that there has been recent discussion regarding how GAATN specifically builds into a Super Node site with a fiber optic cable. The thought behind this discussion and potential change to the Technical Guidelines represent the implementation of a splice case being placed for new build sites going forward. While this is expected to add an additional point of failure and

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minor attenuation loss, there should be significant cost savings realized for GAATN if so implemented. Frank asked members to review the draft technical guidelines and to send their feedback to management prior to the next Technical meeting.

C. GAATN Backup NOCC Update and Options

Frank reported that the City of Austin has notified the GAATN Chairperson and the network manager that the City will not be able to entertain any other site locations for the possibility of a GAATN Backup NOCC outside of the Austin Convention Center and as it has previously done, and encourages members to notify management of sites that may be available via their entity. Frank said that to date, management has not received any potential sites from the members that may be viable options but is continually looking into other options. Frank also noted that management held meetings with the City of Austin Network Infrastructure Organization last week and the Austin Convention Center. Management has requested that the Convention Center remove the requested attributes previously added to the GAATN COA ILA regarding the Backup NOCC and to consider changing the six-month notification period called out in the current draft, as well as representing a firm five-year commitment from the date the NOCC goes operational. GAATN legal is awaiting a new and final draft offering from City of Austin legal to represent such for GAATN final review. John Kohlmorgan asked if GAATN could request that if the Convention Center does expand, if GAATN can have a room in the new space.

D. Making DPS an official GAATN node site

This item was discussed in executive session for design review. Upon reconvening in open session, Jaime Guerra directed management to develop a proposed plan for cleaning up the node cables for a better future state of that location and to report back at the next Technical meeting.

E. Seeking recommendation for UT B2S intercept at case B2S.32.00

This item was discussed in executive session for design review. Upon reconvening in open session, Gary Weseman moved to recommend for Board approval the UT B2S intercept at case B2S.32.00, John Kohlmorgan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

F. Seeking recommendation for COA B2S new node 5202 Ben White

This item was discussed in executive session for design review. Upon reconvening in open session, Gary Weseman moved to recommend for Board approval the COA B2S new node at 5202 Ben White; John Kohlmorgan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

G. Seeking recommendation for DIR TIE -- Cable Between Winters and DROC

This item was discussed in executive session for design review. Upon reconvening in open session, John Kohlmorgan moved to recommend for Board approval the DIR TIE cable between Winters and DROC with the caveat that an overlash policy be created and there by an understanding between DIR and GAATN regarding maintenance; Gary Weseman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

H. Review Project -- SRN & D1N Re-route @ Muller (Manor Rd)

This item was discussed in executive session for design review. Upon reconvening in open session, Gary Weseman moved to recommend for Board approval the SRN & D1N Re-route at Mueller (Manor Rd) based upon 192-strand cable replacement on SRN and asked management to ask the developer to fund the increase as that is GAATN's standard cable on that ring; Harold Nall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

I. Review Project -- C1N & D1N CTECC -- Tilley ST Duct Bank Re-route

This item was discussed in executive session for design review. Upon reconvening in open session, Gary Weseman moved to recommend for Board approval the C1N & D1N CTECC

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Tilley St Duct Bank Re-route; John Kohlmorgan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

J. Review Project -- B1N -- Porsche dealership project relocation

This item was discussed in executive session for design review. Upon reconvening in open session, Dain Herbat moved to recommend for Board approval the B1N Porsche dealership project relocation; Jaime Guerra seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

K. Review Project -- C1N-TxDOT US 183 Direct Connect (DC) Project

This item was discussed in executive session for design review. Upon reconvening in open session, John Kohlmorgan moved to recommend for Board approval the C1N TxDOT US 183 Direct Connect (DC) project; Jaime Guerra seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- 7. Executive Session:** At 2:29 p.m., GAATN Technical Subcommittee Chairman Jaime Guerra announced that the GAATN Technical Subcommittee was adjourning for closed session 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 6D, 6E, 6F, 6G, 6H, 6I, and 6K.

At 3:30 p.m., Jaime Guerra announced that the Technical Subcommittee was reconvening in open session for further discussion and action on items discussed in closed session. The only agenda items discussed were 6D, 6E, 6F, 6G, 6H, 6I, and 6K.

- 8. Confirm date, time, and location for the next Technical Subcommittee meeting as July 24, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the LCRA Service Center, 3505 Montopolis Blvd., Room A502/503, Austin, TX.**

The date, time, and location for the next regular Technical Subcommittee meeting were confirmed; the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.