

# GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (GAATN) INTERLOCAL AGENCY

## GAATN TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

June 20, 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](http://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:

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

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

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

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

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

Bo Kinsey, on behalf of Travis County (remote)

Paul Hodge, on behalf of Austin ISD (remote)

Chris Phillips, on behalf of LCRA (remote)

Dain Herbat, on behalf of Travis County (remote)

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

Justin Slocum, on behalf of Austin ISD (remote)

Frank Ammons, on behalf of GAATN (remote)

Carlos DeMatos, on behalf of GAATN (remote)

A quorum was established at roll call.

Members of the public/GAATN contractors:

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

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 May 16, 2023:

Dain Herbat moved to approve the 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 D1N and SRN with 24 corrected deficiencies between the two rings. Chris said there was an uptick in pole transfers on D1N since their last inspection. Other than that, there was nothing out of the ordinary to report.

#### B. Inventory report

Chris said there have not been any changes to this report since the last meeting.

### 5. Network Manager's Report

#### A. Project status report

Frank reported on the following upcoming and recently completed projects:

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- B2S/D1N ATD Longhorn Dam conduit relocation – completed 6/15
- COA B2S Conv. Ctr. Marshalling Facility new node install – completed 6/1
- COA C1N Fire Station 23 temporary decommissioning – completed 5/31
- AISD D1N North East Elementary School new node install – completed 5/16

### **B. Network status report**

Frank said there were no new incidents to report since the previous meeting.

### **C. Job budget report**

Frank reported that management is tracking 50 jobs totaling \$3.46 million. So far for FY23, 18 jobs have been completed and \$740k has been invoiced. 32 jobs are still pending and \$2.7 million remains encumbered. The fund balance bottom line is \$975k. Sarah will bring a final FY23 job budget report to the July Board meeting.

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

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

Paul Hodge said there were not any new updates regarding the campus construction projects that will impact the GAATN super node sites. He said they are working to get some architects onboarded and hope to have them on staff in August. He said once they get the architects onboarded, that's when the decisions regarding construction will start moving forward. Dain asked Paul if there had been any discussions about GAATN's ability to build a separate structure on the affected campuses; Paul said at Travis High, they are actively looking at separating GAATN from the campus. He said that at Crockett and Northeast, they are not expecting construction to affect GAATN at all.

### **B. Austin Convention Center Expansion and GAATN Backup NOCC relocation**

Jaime said that the NOCC subcommittee met last week to review relocation options. 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.

- 7. Executive Session:** At 1:42 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 (including but not limited to pending, anticipated or contemplated litigation concerning) regarding agenda item 5B.

At 2:31 p.m. Jaime Guerra reconvened the GAATN Technical Subcommittee in open session. Agenda item 5B was the only item discussed. Any additional discussion held or action taken

- 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 and 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 July 25, 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.