

GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (GAATN) INTERLOCAL AGENCY

GAATN TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

August 22, 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:

Justin Slocum, on behalf of Austin ISD (remote)
Leslye Conoley, on behalf of City of Austin (remote)
Dain Herbat, on behalf of Travis County (remote)
Steve Pyle, on behalf of State of Texas DIR (remote)
Chris Phillips, on behalf of LCRA (remote)
Jaime Guerra, on behalf of UT-Austin (on site)
Anthony Breckenridge, on behalf of City of Austin (remote)
Harold Nall, on behalf of UT-Austin (remote)
Frank Ammons, on behalf of GAATN (remote)
Carlos DeMatos, on behalf of GAATN (remote)
Sarah Eichelberger, on behalf of GAATN (remote)

A quorum was established at roll call.

Members joining after roll call:

Paul Hodge, on behalf of Austin ISD (remote) – joined at 1:36 p.m.
Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College (remote) – joined at 1:37 p.m.

GAATN Contractors/Other Attendees:

Chris Gonzales, on behalf of BryComm (remote)
Doug Wilson, on behalf of JC Communications (remote)
Kerrica Laake, on behalf of City of Austin (remote) – joined at 1:32 p.m.

2. Citizen Communications: There were no citizen communications.

3. Review and approve minutes from the regular Technical Subcommittee meeting of July 25, 2023

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

4. Maintenance Contractor's Report

A. Maintenance report

Chris reported that, since last month's meeting, the maintenance contractor completed inspections on A2N, B1N, and B1S with 18 corrected deficiencies between the three rings. He said there was an uptick on pole transfers for B1S; other than that, there was nothing out of the ordinary to report.

B. Inventory report

Chris said there were no changes to this report since last month's meeting.

5. Network Manager's Report

A. Project status report

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Frank reported on the following upcoming and recently completed projects:

- A1N upgrade segment 10 – scheduled to complete 9/7
- C2S TxDOT Oak Hill Pkwy US 290 W Phase 1 – completed 8/10
- B1N Emergency repair Hwy 183 and Technology Blvd – completed 8/3
- C1N Emergency repair at Berkman and Hwy 290 E – completed 7/26

B. Network status report

- 8/1: B1N damage at Hwy 183 and Technology – an underground contractor working for TxDOT hit GAATN cable in a TxDOT duct bank. They were digging for the 183 N Mobility Project. BryComm performed an emergency repair. The permanent repair will be covered by the developer-funded relocation of the GAATN fiber along 183. Management will follow the claim process to recover the emergency repair costs once it has the needed information from BryComm.
- 7/26: C1N damage at Berkman and Hwy 290 E – cable was cut by an unknown party at the entrance to a car dealership. BryComm performed an emergency repair and is evaluating the permanent repair. There is no known party to pursue a claim against.

C. Job budget report

Sarah reported that management is tracking 33 jobs totaling \$2.68 million. She noted that the permanent repair for Eberhart Lane in the amount of \$129k was added to the report. The fund balance bottom line is \$1.26 million.

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

A. Seeking recommendation for GAATN Disaster Recovery Plan

This item was discussed in executive session under Texas Government Codes 551.089 and 418.181. Upon reconvening in open session, Jaime Guerra moved to recommend for Board approval the GAATN Disaster Recovery Plan as discussed in executive session; Dain Herbat seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Seeking recommendation for C1S Permanent repair at 405 Eberhart Lane

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 C1S Permanent repair at 405 Eberhart Lane; Steve Pyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Paul reported that AISD has onboarded the architect who will oversee the Travis High School project and that his team is meeting with him on 9/1 to discuss GAATN. He hopes to have more of an update at the September Tech meeting.

D. Seeking recommendation for GAATN Backup NOCC Decommissioning project

Jaime asked if there was anything new to discuss for this agenda item; Frank said that the Technical Subcommittee has already seen the proposals and prints. The Technical Subcommittee did not discuss this item further or take any action.

E. Seeking recommendation for Backup NOCC subcommittee recommendation for GAATN Backup NOCC Relocation

Jaime said that the Backup NOCC subcommittee is ready to recommend Fire Station 4 as the new location for the GAATN Backup NOCC. Jaime Guerra moved to recommend for Board approval the Backup NOCC subcommittee recommendation of Fire Station 4 for the GAATN Backup NOCC; Steve Pyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7. Executive Session: At 1:45 p.m., Chairman 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

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confidentiality as permitted by law regarding Agenda Items 6A and 6B. At 2:21 p.m., Jaime Guerra reconvened the GAATN Technical Subcommittee in open session. Any additional discussion held or action taken on 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 held and all members who announced as present at the opening roll call reconfirmed their presence at the updated roll call. Additionally, Gary Weseman and Paul Hodge, who joined after the meeting began, announced their presence. A quorum was re-established.

9. Confirm date, time, and location for the next Technical Subcommittee meeting as September 19, 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 2:26 p.m.