

GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (GAATN) INTERLOCAL AGENCY

GAATN TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

August 24, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Via Teleconference at (512) 831-7858 Conference ID: 872 191 906#

MINUTES

1. Call to Order (Including a roll call)

GAATN Technical Subcommittee Chairman Jaime Guerra called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

The following announced as present at the start of the meeting:

Carlos DeMatos, on behalf of GAATN

Anthony Breckenridge, on behalf of City of Austin

Ruben Reyes, on behalf of City of Austin

Bo Kinsey, on behalf of Travis County

Dain Herbat, on behalf of Travis County

Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College

Jaime Guerra, on behalf of UT-Austin

Mace Royston, on behalf of LCRA

Harold Nall, on behalf of UT-Austin

Steve Pyle, on behalf of State of Texas DIR

A quorum was established at roll call.

GAATN Contractors:

Doug Wilson, on behalf of JC Communications

Chris Gonzales, on behalf of BryComm

2. Citizen Communications: There were no citizen communications.

3. Review and approve minutes from the regular Technical Subcommittee meeting of July 27, 2021

Gary Weseman 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 rings C1N, C1S and C2S; 28 deficiencies were corrected among the three rings and there was nothing out of the norm to report.

B. Inventory report

Chris reported that they used 1,774 feet of AISD's stock fiber for the Graham Elementary node replacements. From GAATN stock, they used 2,100 feet of 3-inch 3-cell maxcell for the relocation at 218 S. Lamar. Jaime asked about fiber lead times; Chris said it's about 38 weeks. Jaime asked if there is a need to order more stock fiber due to the lead times; Carlos said network management is looking at that and may bring a recommendation to the next Technical meeting.

5. Network Manager's Report

A. GAATN Backup NOCC status update

Carlos reviewed the handout which included a status report update with pending items, PDU installation proposal and datasheet, and a ring migration calendar. Carlos reviewed the rack allocation and room layout. Dain asked about the status of A1N; Carlos said that JC successfully installed the 432-count cable and that Travis County and City of Austin will be tested later this week.

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He noted that A1N is ready for migration and there is a proposal to be reviewed later in the agenda for the activation of A1N. Carlos said the PDUs were not provided in the contract with Spawglass, so management got a proposal from BryComm to install them and the cost is within the network manager's spending authority. Dain asked Carlos to get with him and Bo regarding the PDU installation after the meeting. Carlos reviewed the ring migration schedule, which is projected to be completed by the end of November. Jaime asked when entities can expect to their install equipment; Carlos said preferably once all of the rings are migrated around the end of November. He expects the official operational date of the NOCC for the ILA purposes will be December 1.

B. Project status report

Carlos reported on the following upcoming and recently completed projects:

- B1N splice case audit – ongoing from 8/30 through 11/22
- A1N/A2N Re-route to Convention Center – completed 8/20
- A1N upgrade segment 6 – completed 8/11
- A1N upgrade segment 5 – completed 8/10
- SRS/A2N relocation at 218 S. Lamar – completed 8/5
- B1N emergency repair at 11604 Stonehollow – completed 7/14
- AISD C1N Graham Elementary node replacements – completed 8/19
- UT A1N Gateway apartments new node – completed 8/12

Carlos noted that there is one more project not on this list that needs to be discussed, because it just happened yesterday and the repair will be forthcoming before the next meeting. DIR reported a problem with some strands; the maintenance contractor found the problem and it appears that there was a fire and the cable was partially burned, but only enough to cause issues on a few DIR strands Carlos showed a picture of the damage, which he said appears to have happened some time ago. He said members will receive an emergency alert, but it will be repaired on a permanent basis by replacing 2k feet with 192-count cable. Jaime asked about the other cables; Carlos said there is a cable there that belongs to UT and he will have the maintenance contractor take a look at it as well. Chris said there is a LCRA cable, and the UT cable is a little further down. Jaime asked if new cable was installed after this damage and if so, why the contractor didn't notify network management of the damaged cable; Carlos said he will check to see if any cable was installed at this location after the damage and, if so, discuss the issue with that contractor.

C. Job budget report

Carlos said, that since the last meeting, management has added the A1N activation into Convention Center and the Backup NOCC PDU installation to this report. With these projects included, there are now 7 jobs for FY22 totaling \$546k of the \$653k budget for FY22. There were also 19 jobs carried over from FY21 totaling \$823k.

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

A. Seeking recommendation for Second phase A1N activation into GAATN Backup NOCC at a cost not to exceed \$31K to be funded from FY22 MAC budget

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 second phase of A1N activation into GAATN Backup NOCC at a cost not to exceed \$31k; Steve Pyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Seeking recommendation for A1N relocation from overhead to underground at 3rd and Pressler developer-funded 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, Jaime Guerra moved to recommend for Board approval the A1N

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relocation from overhead to underground at 3rd and Pressler developer-funded project at no cost to GAATN; Steve Pyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- 7. Executive Session:** At 2:03 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 6B.

At 2:14 p.m., Jaime Guerra reconvened the GAATN Technical Subcommittee in open session. Agenda Items 6A and 6B were the only items discussed. Any further discussion held or action taken in open session on agenda items discussed in executive session is noted on 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; the following announced as present at the updated roll call:

Carlos DeMatos, on behalf of GAATN
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Harold Nall, on behalf of UT-Austin
Steve Pyle, on behalf of State of Texas DIR
A quorum was re-established at the updated roll call.

- 9. Confirm date, time, and location for the next Technical Subcommittee meeting as September 21, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. at LCRA Service Center 3505 Montopolis, Bldg. A, Room A502/503 Austin, Texas or via Microsoft Teams Videoconference.**

The date, time and location for the next Technical Subcommittee meeting were confirmed; the meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.