

GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (GAATN) INTERLOCAL AGENCY

GAATN TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

September 21, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

LCRA Service Center at 3505 Montopolis, Austin, Texas 78744

Building A, Room A502/503

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:

John Kohlmorgan, on behalf of Austin ISD (remote)

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

Ruben Reyes, on behalf of City of Austin (remote)

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

Dain Herbat, on behalf of Travis County (remote)

Justin Slocum, on behalf of Austin ISD (remote)

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

Bo Kinsey, on behalf of Travis County (remote)

Frank Ammons, on behalf of GAATN (remote)

Carlos DeMatos, on behalf of GAATN (remote)

A quorum was established at roll call.

Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College – joined at 1:35 p.m. (remote)

GAATN Contractors:

Doug Wilson, on behalf of JC Communications (remote)

Chris Gonzales, on behalf of Brycomm (remote)

2. Citizen Communications: There were no citizen communications.

3. Review and approve minutes from the regular Technical Subcommittee meeting of August 24, 2021

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

4. Maintenance Contractor's Report

A. Maintenance report

Chris said that, since the last report, the maintenance contractor completed inspections on B1N and SRN with 18 corrected deficiencies between the two rings.

B. Inventory report

Chris reported that, on 8/28/21, the maintenance contractor used 2,100 feet of reel 709 for the B2S damage at Montopolis and Burleson; they also used AISD fiber on 9/20, which will be noted on next month's report. Also, to note, they will use some of GAATN reel 709 for the temporary repair on C1N.

5. Network Manager's Report

A. GAATN Backup NOCC status update

Frank said that Brycomm is still in the process of doing the ladder trays and terminations, which should be completed by the end of September. The backup NOCC is on track to be fully operational by the beginning of December. Frank noted that there is an agenda item in this meeting to discuss

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an agreement between GAATN and the City of Austin for the maintenance of the backup NOCC. Frank reviewed the activation schedule provided in the handouts.

B. Project status report

Frank said that even though there are no jobs scheduled at this time, management is heavily involved in the pending A1N upgrade segments. He hopes to report some good news to the Board regarding Austin Energy and some projects that had been previously held up. He reviewed the following recently completed and upcoming entity projects:

- A1N upgrade segment 6 – completed 8/11
- A1N upgrade segment 5 – completed 8/10
- B2S DIR troubleshoot/repair at Burleson and Montopolis – completed 8/23
- A1N/A2N re-route to Convention Center – completed 8/20
- UT A1N node disconnect 3200 Red River – scheduled for 9/28

Jaime mentioned that UT will be doing a project at Block 164 that does not tie into the ring at this time. He said UT is working with a developer to add a presence at Block 164, which is the old Brackenridge hospital. UT will reconnect to the maintenance hole that used to feed Brackenridge hospital; Brycomm is performing the work and there is no scope with the fiber cable itself at this time. Brycomm will inform management of the dates for sending out a notice through GAATN Alerts.

C. Job budget report

Frank reported that management is tracking 26 jobs totaling \$1.27 million, \$824k of which was carried over from FY21. So far, four jobs have been completed and GAATN has recovered \$110k in damages/reimbursements.

D. FY22 Cost Avoidance Report update

Frank noted that this is the exercise GAATN does every two years to estimate the amount that GAATN members save by being a part of GAATN. Management sent out the individual entity spreadsheets on September 15 and have asked for them to be completed and returned by October 15. Management will then compile all the spreadsheets to create the summary report that will be presented at the November Board meeting. He asked members to email management if they have any questions.

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

A. Seeking recommendation for A2N Palm Park relocation overhead and underground 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, there was no further discussion held or action taken.

B. Agreement between City of Austin and GAATN for maintenance of the GAATN Backup NOCC

Frank noted that there is an ILA in place between GAATN and the City of Austin for the buildout of the backup NOCC, and within that ILA there is language that speaks to the maintenance and funding by GAATN. Management has been working with the City of Austin Data Center Operations (DCO) team, building services, and Austin Convention Center; and COA has requested there be a written agreement between GAATN and COA for the maintenance and funding of maintenance. Frank drafted the memorandum of understanding (MOU) which defines roles and responsibilities and it is currently being reviewed by those city groups that will be providing maintenance. He hopes to have a draft for members to review prior to the upcoming board meeting. Dain asked if Syd had reviewed it as of yet; Frank said it will be sent to Syd once the city has had a chance to review. Frank said the MOU speaks to 24/7 access to the NOCC and giving GAATN four weeks advanced notice for any work that will affect access. The responsibilities that DCO will have include: supporting two APC UPSes, four APC in-row coolers, one caterpillar generator, one Russell electric ATS, fire suppression system, and remote monitoring. DCO will use a City of Austin vendor and GAATN will pay the City of Austin

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for the maintenance. DCO will provide a proposal to GAATN management which will be brought to the Board meeting.

- 7. Executive Session:** At 1:54 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 Item 6A.

At 2:04 p.m., Jaime Guerra reconvened the GAATN Technical Subcommittee in open session. Agenda Item 6A was the only item discussed. Any discussion held or action taken in open session 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)**
All members present at the first roll call were present at the updated roll call. Gary Weseman from Austin Community College joined the meeting at 1:35 p.m. and was the only member present for the updated roll call that was not present for the first roll call.
- 9. Confirm date, time, and location for the next Technical Subcommittee meeting as October 19, 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 of the next Technical Subcommittee meeting were confirmed; the meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.