

# GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (GAATN) INTERLOCAL AGENCY

## GAATN TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

May 21, 2024, 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:

Paul Hodge, on behalf of Austin ISD

Mark Stavis, on behalf of City of Austin

Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College

Dain Herbat, on behalf of Travis County

Steve Pyle, on behalf of State of Texas DIR

Jaime Guerra, on behalf of UT-Austin

James Denman, on behalf of LCRA

Justin Slocum, on behalf of Austin ISD

Bo Kinsey, on behalf of Travis County

Harold Nall, on behalf of UT-Austin

Frank Ammons, on behalf of GAATN

Carlos DeMatos, on behalf of GAATN

Sarah Eichelberger, on behalf of GAATN

A quorum was established at roll call.

GAATN Contractors:

Chris Gonzales, on behalf of BryComm

Doug Wilson, 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 April 16, 2024:

Gary Weseman 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 the last meeting, the maintenance contractor completed routine inspections on D1N, SRN, and SRS with 41 corrected deficiencies between the three rings. He said there was an uptick in pole transfers on D1N and one riser boot was added.

#### B. Inventory report

Chris reported, since the last meeting, there were no changes to the inventory report.

### 5. Network Manager's Report

#### A. Project status report

Sarah reviewed the updated organization of the report.

Frank reported on the following upcoming and recently completed projects:

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- C2S TxDOT Oak Hill Pkwy Phase 3 – scheduled to complete 6/5/24
- A2N splice case audit – ongoing through 6/30/24
- A1N/A2N Placement of 8 poles on San Antonio St. – scheduled to complete 5/24/24
- B1N Spicewood Spring Rd relocation – scheduled to complete 5/30/24
- C2S TxDOT Oak Hill Pkwy Phase 2 – completed 5/16/24
- D1N Temp relocation at 1017 Springdale Rd – completed 4/25/24
- A1N Upgrade project segment 2 phase 2 – completed 5/2/24
- SRS Upgrade project segment 5 – completed 4/30/24

### **B. Network incident report**

- 5/3/24 A1N UT Colorado Apartments isolated for 3 hours during A1N Segment 2 phase 2 upgrade project. The issue was resolved upon completion of the upgrade project, the contractor may have accidentally touched or kinked output side during cutover.
- 5/1/24 SRS Segment 5 upgrade project contractor field error. The contractor cut the new cable during the wreck out of the project. A new cable will be installed at the contractor's expense as soon as possible.

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

Sarah reported that management is tracking 55 jobs totaling \$3.5 million. So far for FY24, 27 jobs have been completed and \$891k has been invoiced. \$2.6 million remains encumbered for 28 pending jobs. The fund balance bottom line is \$668k.

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

### **A. Seeking recommendation for COA new site B1S Dove Springs Community Center at no cost to GAATN**

This agenda 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 Agenda Items 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E, and 6F; Steve Pyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **B. Notification of B1N Spicewood Spring Rd GAATN project at a cost not to exceed \$17k**

Sarah reviewed an updated financial forecast showing the budgetary impact over FY25 and FY26 of agenda items 6B-6F. She noted that the total for the five projects was \$763k of which \$477k is fully reimbursable by TxDOT and CTRMA. The remainder of this agenda 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 Agenda Items 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E, and 6F; Steve Pyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **C. Seeking recommendation for B1N US183N Mobility Project CTRMA/TxDOT GAATN-funded fully-reimbursable project at a cost not to exceed \$179k**

This agenda 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 Agenda Items 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E, and 6F; Steve Pyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **D. Seeking recommendation for CapEx Central Ladybird Lake TxDOT GAATN-funded fully-reimbursable project at a cost not to exceed \$298k**

This agenda 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 Agenda Items 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E, and 6F; Steve Pyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **E. Seeking recommendation for SRN Fiber Replacement SRN15 to SRN16 GAATN-funded project at a cost not to exceed \$47k**

This agenda 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 Agenda Items 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E, and 6F; Steve Pyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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### **F. Seeking recommendation for C1N Perm Repair Braker Ln C1N21 to C1N25 GAATN-funded project at a cost not to exceed \$222k**

Gary asked if this repair would be an insurance claim; Sarah said no because this was two separate incidents, which would each be subject to the \$50k deductible, plus there is an additional 4,500-foot span of 72-count fiber that is covered by this project. The remainder of this agenda 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 Agenda Items 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E, and 6F; Steve Pyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **G. Austin ISD 2022 Bond Projects Impact to GAATN Super node Sites and Subcommittee update**

Paul said there were no updates, but he did just hear about a big change that he will bring to the AISD Super node Subcommittee before bringing to the Technical Subcommittee. He noted that he'll send an email out regarding the change.

### **H. Backup NOCC Decommissioning**

Frank reported that a meeting was held yesterday between the COA CTM Board representatives, Public Works, and the Convention Center executive management. They have agreed to help expedite the permitting for the GAATN decommissioning. Frank said they also discussed leaving the existing GAATN fiber within the Convention Center for the demolition and they agreed to let GAATN do that rather than paying to wreck out the inside plant. He noted that they spoke about the removal of the generator and they agreed to coordinate the crane usage with GAATN. Frank said the next thing that needs to happen at the next Technical meeting is to discuss what will be done with the GAATN and entity equipment at the Backup NOCC. Frank said there will be a crane in December to move the Austin Energy (AE) chiller and that GAATN can coordinate to have the generator moved at the same time; the Convention Center is willing to house the generator in their parking lot for a short time if needed. Jaime said the decommissioning details can be discussed with the Backup NOCC subcommittee. Steve said he didn't think there would be a new NOCC in place by December; Frank said that is definitely a concern and that is something that will need to be discussed by the Tech and NOCC subcommittees. Frank said that management has looked at temporary storage solutions and other options. He said that the option to reuse the NOCC equipment will be determined by the location of the new Backup NOCC.

### **I. Backup NOCC Relocation and Subcommittee Update**

This agenda 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 2:13 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 confidentiality as permitted by law regarding Agenda Items 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E, 6F, and 6I.

At 3:08 p.m., Jaime Guerra reconvened the GAATN Technical Subcommittee in open session. Agenda Items 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E, 6F, and 6I were discussed in executive session. Any additional discussion held or action taken in open session on items discussed in closed session is 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 taken and all members that announced as present at the start of the meeting reconfirmed their presence at the updated roll call. A quorum was re-established.

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- 9. Confirm date, time, and location for the next Technical Subcommittee meeting as June 18, 2024 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 meeting were confirmed; the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.