



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-4857, **Agenda Item #:** 5.

7/18/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Greater Austin Area Telecommunications Network Agency for the City to perform network operations management services.

Lead Department

Communications and Technology Management.

Fiscal Note

\$516,196 is to be paid to the City to manage network operations of the Greater Austin Area Telecommunications Network (GAATN) for the initial 12-month term of the agreement. GAATN will also pay the City for network operations for the four optional 12-month extensions, should they be exercised.

Prior Council Action:

August 22, 2019 - Council approved Item No. 17 on a 11-0 vote, authorizing a GAATN network management agreement for five years.

March 5, 2015 - Council approved Item No. 9 on a 10-0 vote, with Council Member Zimmerman abstaining, authorizing a GAATN network management agreement for five years.

June 18, 2009 - Council approved Item No. 5 on a 7-0 vote authorizing a GAATN network management agreement for five years.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to Steven Martin, Deputy Chief Information Officer; at Steven.Martin@austintexas.gov or 512-978-1523.

Additional Backup Information:

The Greater Austin Area Telecommunications Network (GAATN) is an area-wide, high speed fiber optic telecommunications network that provides data, voice, and video services across the Austin metropolitan area to GAATN members and links City facilities. The City's Communications and Technology Management Department (CTM) has provided network and management services for GAATN since a Service Level Agreement was signed in November 2000.

This request authorizes a new Service Level Agreement pursuant to which GAATN will: i) increase CTM's compensation as the GAATN Management Service Provider to \$516,196 for the initial term, and ii) pay CTM for all labor for future consecutive years at a total cost, estimated to be \$2,779,528. In exchange, CTM will provide the equivalent of three full-time employees (120 hours of weekly labor) covering the GAATN Network Manager and the GAATN Network Administrator functions. The City will be responsible for all salaries, benefits, and insurance for these employees.

Under the new agreement, CTM will have the right at any time to seek additional compensation if it reasonably determines that the budgeted amount is inadequate to compensate it for the costs incurred on

behalf of GAATN in providing services under the agreement. Payments by GAATN to CTM under the agreement shall be made in one annual payment on or before November 1 of each year.