

APPROVED



JOINT OPERATIONS AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY**

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 • 1:30 p.m.

Teleconference/Webex Meeting*

Meeting Call-in Number for Committee Meeting and Public:
Telephone Number: (213) 306-3065 / Access Code: 146 910 8303

Operations Committee Members Present:

John Geiger, Los Angeles County, CEO
Steve Cabrera, Vice-Chair, County of Los Angeles, Fire Department
Sven Crongeyer, Chair, Lieutenant, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
Cathy Chidester, Los Angeles County DHS
Anthony Vairo, Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association
Ric Walczak, Lieutenant, Covina Police Department

Technical Committee Members Present:

John Geiger, Los Angeles County, CEO
Scott England, Vice-Chair, Telecommunications Systems Consulting Engineer, LACoFD
Sven Crongeyer, Lieutenant, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
Lipin Tan, Los Angeles County DHS
Ted Pao, Chair, Information Technology Specialist, Los Angeles County Internal Services Department
Ric Walczak, Lieutenant, Covina Police Department

Absent:

Chris Donovan, Fire Chief, Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association
Jeff Lagreek, Sergeant, Inglewood Police Department
James Craig, Manhattan Beach Fire Department

Officers Present:

Joann Huerta, LA-RICS Committee Secretary

NOTE: ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM IDENTIFIED ON THE AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Technical Committee Chair Ted Pao called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call

Technical Committee Chair Pao asked for a roll call and acknowledged a quorum was present for Joint Operations and Technical Committee (Joint Committees).

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A)

A. August 5, 2020 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Operations Technical Chair Pao asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Joint Committee Member John Geiger motioned first, seconded by Operations Committee Chair Sven Crongeyer.

Ayes 9: Cabrera, Crongeyer, Chidester, England, Geiger, Pao, Tan, Vairo, and Walczak.

MOTION APPROVED.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (NONE)

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – (NONE)

VI. REPORTS (B-E)

B. Status Report Update for LTE – Rick Burke

Teleivate Consultant Rick Burke provided an update on the Long Term Evolution (LTE) Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) Round 1 project and stated as of September 10, 2020, AT&T FirstNet is transitioning seventy-three (73) LTE sites into the network, with sixty-two (62) sites currently integrated into the AT&T network and eleven (11) sites remaining to be integrated.

The remaining sites are forecasted to be integrated by the first quarter of 2021, with sites being integrated each quarter up until completed.

There was no further discussion.

C. Status Report Update for PSBN Round 2 Deployment – Project Director Chris Odenthal

Project Director Chris Odenthal provided an update on the deployment of LTE Round 2 and stated that Magic Mountain Link (MML) is on its way to be completed at the end of the month. In conjunction with the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) location at that site, all the work has been ongoing with the towers and equipment already on site. This site was not impacted by the fire.

In regards to the Montebello Police Department site, everything is progressing. We should get moving doing foundation tower in mid-October and finishing at the end of October 2020. Port of Los Angeles (POLA1 and POLA2) cell block design and towers are up and equipment in place. Only issue is a power delivery plan for POLA1 from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP). POLA2 site is connecting to a power source that is near the site at Fenix terminal.

The Port of Long Beach (POLB) site cleared for zoning and permitting and we are waiting for the release of that site from the City of Long Beach. AT&T requested us to hold off on construction until a final agreement is reached as they are still in negotiation with the Port and we don't want to construct at the site and not have AT&T and POLB agreed on the lease agreement.

LA-RICS is working with the POLB to assist with the lease negotiations; their issue is what is the appropriate rent to be charging. Both POLA and AT&T have agreed to rent cost and we have shared this information with POLB for the same purpose of them coming into an agreement.

Pomona 2 (POM2) waiting on final stamp approval on electrical from the Judicial Council of California (JCC). A different power source from Pomona was required and we are waiting on that approval.

The reason for the red sites on the chart provided in the agenda packet, is these were delayed on the close out side but we are not expecting any issues with AT&T from a funding perspective. Just a reminder all work associated with these are no longer under the BTOP Grant but are with AT&T.

There was no further discussion.

D. Status Report Update for LMR – Program Manager Justin Delfino

Program Manager Justin Delfino provided an update on the LMR system and provided detailed information on which sites are in construction, along with additional details supporting the construction-related activities occurring at these sites to date.

Program Manager Delfino stated that LMR has been moving along in spite of the recent fires for the last two weeks. There were specific sites that were less impacted than other sites. The sites that were most impacted were USFS sites and had access issues as certain highways were shut down thus limiting our ability to access the sites. One site to highlight is Frost Peak (FRP), which is immediately proximal to a ski resort/operation that we are trying to finish construction prior to snow season.

There are twenty-nine (29) sites complete on LMR completed with sixteen (16) sites currently in construction and thirteen (13) sites remaining to complete. In terms of Coastal Development there is substantial progress there. We reported last time that ERB and SEATAC both were successfully passed and this upcoming September 23, 2020, is the Regional Planning Commission meeting for the Catalina sites.

All fleet mapping work has been completed. The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) and Technical Lead Engineer Pao has been monitoring the progress there. In terms of the LMR schedule, there is a consensus and we plan on having a resolution on a final completion date at the end of this week, September 18, 2020.

Program Manager Delfino stated there are three (3) outstanding SAAs for the following sites: TWR, BJM, DPK. Phase 4 work such as site Optimization and microwave alignment is currently underway. Narrow-banding is underway for Channel 16, with Technical Lead Engineer Pao aiding in that coordination with Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD).

In regards to the United States Forest Service (USFS) sites, construction on ESR, MTL2 and BUR1 are scheduled to start in September, however, due to the recent fire activity it may have caused disruption to the forecasted start dates. More information will be known in the second week of September 2020.

There was no further discussion.

E. Regional ISSI Interoperability Working Group – Steve Page/Ted Pao

Technical Committee Chair Pao provided an overview and status update and stated the Regional Interoperability/ISSI working group will be meeting again on September 24, 2020, to review the status of the Interconnection between ICI system and LA-RICS (ICI-RICS) connection and discuss the status of the other connections.

Discussion of connection-specific parameters need to begin involving both technical and operations staff so that when the testing is in process, configurations can be set up properly the first time. The agreement between LA-RICS and Long Beach is in process with drafts of the agreement being discussed.

Committee Member John Geiger asked if the Los Angeles County's County Wide Integrated Radio System (CWIRS) could be included in this working group, and Technical Committee Chair Pao concurred.

There was no further discussion.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (F-G)

F. Radio Rodeo Communications Exercise – Ted Pao

Technical Committee Chair Pao stated that the Radio Rodeo for this year has been cancelled.

There was no further discussion.

G. Distribution of the LARTCS/ACVRS Channel Plan – Ted Pao

Technical Committee Chair Pao provided an update on the distribution of the LARTCS/ACVRS Channel Plan and stated LA-RICS is building out its analog conventional voice radio system later and Los Angeles Regional Tactical Communication System (LARTCS), there is a set of analog channels that will be available for member agencies to access for its special operation or mutual aid operations. If any agency deems it is necessary to conduct a special operation on an analog conventional channel, rather than its trucking talk groups, it can request for the use of the pool of analog channels.

LASD and Los Angeles Fire Department (LACoFD) will jointly manage these channels. If a fire agency needs a channel, it can make a request directly to County Fire Dispatch. Similarly, for law agencies, they can request through Sheriff's Communication Center.

Lastly, Technical Committee Chair Pao stated that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is being worked on to memorialize this arrangement with various agencies.

There was no further discussion.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS - NONE

IX. MISCELLANEOUS – NONE



X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION BY THE COMMITTEE

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – NONE

XII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:

The Operations and Technical Committee Meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m., and the next Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 1:30 p.m., via Teleconference/WebEx.