

From the beginning of the proposed project in Alabama, it was important for the Town's decision makers to see operating data center facilities firsthand. With a project of this size, it would not be a proper complete review if we did not take the time to understand how these facilities actually operate.

March 26 and 27th, members of the Town Board and Planning Board visited three data center facilities in Texas. Two were in the Dallas area and one was in San Antonio. The purpose of the visit was to better understand how facilities of this scale operate and fit within surrounding communities as part of our ongoing review of the proposed project at STAMP.

The facilities were selected by our Town engineer for several reasons, because they were relatively close in proximity to each other, they were in various stages of development from being under construction to recently opened to fully operational and they were also as closely related to the design of the proposed data center at STAMP.

During the visits, we met with Stream representatives for informational purposes only, including company leadership, project development staff, and on-site personnel. Also participating in the visits were two leaders from the Town's Fire Department, along with the Town Attorney, Town Engineer, and a representative from County Planning.

It was important to see how these facilities operate in the real world. Observations included building scale, layout, and general operations. We also visited nearby neighborhoods in close proximity to the facilities to better understand how they are situated in relation to surrounding residential areas. The trip was strictly informational. No decisions were made and no conclusions were reached.

There has been a lot of public interest in this project, which we understand. The Town will continue to carefully and thoughtfully review materials submitted by the applicant, independent consultant review, public meetings, and information gathered at the public hearing.

To keep that process fair, decisions have to be based on the formal record developed during the review, consistent with applicable law and state guidance. That requires those involved in the review to remain impartial and avoid forming or expressing conclusions outside the formal review process. For that reason, there will not be individual opinions or conclusions offered outside of public meetings.

The Town will continue to follow the law and complete a careful, thorough, and deliberate review based on the full record developed through the review process. The compilation of that record includes detailed review by the Town's engineer and consultants, input from public meetings and a public hearing, and input from involved agencies. Any final decisions will be based on that full record.

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