

TOLLY ROUND TABLE GROUP CONSENSUS:

We therefore resolve: To Pursue an 802.5 standard for Dedicated High-Speed Token Ring that scales from 100Mbit/s to at least 1Gbit/s. The standard will support key attributes of today's token-ring and will be developed in time to allow for multi-vendor demonstrations of high-speed token-ring technology at N+I in Las Vegas, '98. The standard will support the use of 802.1q standard for multiple VLANs. The goal of this standards effort is to deliver the most cost-effective upgrade path for T-R customers (*These are words appropriate for customers. For standards purposes the words should be explicitly interpreted as "compared with other available solutions", which is the way external customers will interpret it anyway*).

Agreed to by 3Com, Bay, Cabletron, Cisco, IBM, Madge, NovaCom, Olicom, Proteon, Silcom, TI, Treseq, and Xylan at the Tolly Round Table held August 26th, 1997, sponsored by Network World.