1. CALL TO ORDER
   Meeting called to order by Chairperson NOWACZYK at 5:30pm.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF (PREVIOUS MEETING DATE) MEETING
   Motion/second by RUFF/HELKE to approve the meeting minutes from the December 3, 2017 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

4. AMENDMENTS TO THE WAUSAU MPO 2015 BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN
   LYNCH discussed the need to update the list of projects in the master plan due to opportunities that have developed in the recent years. Any approvals by this committee would then be voted on by the Technical Advisory Committee. Communities applying for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds have applications due on the 26th of this month and would have a better chance of being funded if included in the master plan. SIPPEL explained the plan for Wausau to submit two separate applications for off street paths in the west side business park. This was split into two applications due to the high cost of a combined project. This route would facilitate movement within the industrial park and serve as the spine for future trail additions.
   Motion/second by BEATTY/HELKE to approve the Wausau business park trails addition to the Master Plan. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

   THOUT explained the combined Rothschild and Schofield project. This would connect the Volkmann trail from Lili Lane west along DOT right of way to Business 51. After crossing Business 51 it would turn west along Grand Ave and then north after crossing the railroad tracks. Utilizing existing city owned right of way along the railroad tracks the trail would extend to Spring Street. This project is also applying for TAP funding. This trail would provide safe access from Schofield into Rothschild, the Wisconsin River Bridge, and the Cedar Creek Trail.
   Motion/second by BEATTY/MULLALY to approve the Rothschild and Schofield project trail addition to the Master Plan. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

5. BIKE FEDERATION COURSES FOR 2018
   The Bike Federation of Wisconsin has agreed to visit Wausau in April to teach bike safety courses. LYNCH asked for assistance in setting up audiences for up to three classes. The committee felt it would be wise to have one of the audiences be a school assembly. RUFF volunteered to coordinate with the schools. The daily schedule would be built around the school class. A class for fleet drivers, such as Metro Ride drivers, and an evening class for adults are the other suggestions.

6. LETTER OF SUPPORT CITY OF WAUSAU THOMAS STREET PROJECT
   SIPPEL explained the history of the current opposition to the bike lanes on the Thomas Street project from 4th Ave to Mc Cleary Street. After a public meeting on the 24th to discuss the 60% design, there were minimal issues with the bike lanes. Regardless, the committee felt that since the bike lanes are included in the MPO Master Plan they should still send a letter of support to the City of Wausau. LYNCH handed out a draft letter and asked for comments.
Motion/second by BEATTY/RUFF to approve the Letter of Support for the Thomas Street Project. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent.

7. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND AREAS OF CONCERN
Trek Store: NOWACZYK would like some clarification on state law for rear reflectors versus rear lights. He has heard conflicting information from customers and law enforcement. Also noted that Army Corps of Engineers will often do gratis work in their community.

Rib Mountain: In the process of updating their ordinances to reflect state standards for bicycles. Possible path considered from Robin Lane west to Grouse Lane in front of Granite Peak. BEATTY asks for the MPO to send Kocourek an offer of assistance in order to help get the long planned shelter on the 51/29 trail off the ground.

Health Dept: Two bike fixations are purchased and available for installation.

Wausau: Bike rack program is in progress. Wausau West and NITC are constructing more U-shaped and decorative racks. City was awarded $7,000 for bike share system but still seeking funds. Possible implementation in 2 years after major construction in River Life area is complete.

Wheelers: Working with Aspirus YMCA to build shelter where Wheelers rides usually start. Estimated at $30,000 due to the size and features.

Village of Maine: Potential Brokaw project next year. No details available yet.

CWOCC: RFP for Ringle trails will be released soon. Phase I construction in 2018, full build in 2019. First phase is funded and will add six miles of off road trails.

8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA
Local ordinances and E-bikes.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – FEBRUARY 22, 2018

10. ADJOURN
Motion/second by THOUT/RUFF to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote, no dissent. Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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