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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee's Arlington/Nichols/Greenway Working Group** met at the Arlington St/Nichols Ave/Watertown-Cambridge Greenway intersection on **Tuesday April 23, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.** Present: Jamie Burke (chair), Amy Plovnick, Eileen Botti and Becky Lin; Zeke Mermell (staff support) and Michelle Moon.

The Working Group did a walking site tour and identified/documented existing conditions.

Short-term ideas:

- Extend the walk signal phase
- Marked diagonal crosswalk? - share examples of diagonal greenway crossings - e.g., Massachusetts Ave in Cambridge MA
- 3.5 feet per second was discussed needed for a pedestrian signal. Currently only 15 seconds. Need to measure diagonal distance to determine recommended signal length.
- Wayfinding
- Pedestrian ramps not facing the correct direction
- Quick build or pop-up options

Long-term ideas:

- Intersection geometry
- Placement of light / walk sign
- Curb radius - tighter turn radius

Filippello Park:

- Focus on access from park to Greenway on east side of Arlington Street
- Extend sidewalk to create shared path?

How to illustrate demand/need for change:

- Bluebikes
- Bike/ped counts - Greenway

- Willow Park development
- Which vulnerable street users can make it across in the time available?
- Demonstrated safety issues
- MAPC has Greenway ridership
- How to get DCR to discussions?
- Counts - Eileen to send out methodology for doing counts – data is key
- Survey of people using the path

Next steps:

- Zeke (as staff support) to help with coordination with DPW
- Eileen to send info about the Committee doing counts for data collection purposes