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One recurring question in the discussion about the parking lot proposed for Church Hill is whether it is at the back or the front of the property.

Those driving by on Main Streets will consider the lot to be at the back. Those passing by on the path from the foot bridge and Chesley Drive will consider it to be at the front.

There are approximate data for the number of cars on Main Street. There have been no objective data about the number using the path. So I decided to gather them as an input to the Planning Board discussions.

From May until November of 2021 I installed a trail monitor on the path. Of course there are ambiguities in interpreting the data - effect of Covid, influence of students absent during the summer, identify of those passing (people, bicyclists, baby carriages, dogs). But the car data are also imperfect. Thus I offer the path data as I found them. My counter tallied about 1500 users per month during the period it was installed.

