Source: Unadjusted weekday automatic traffic recorder (ATR) counts collected May 2007, June 2010, June 2012, May 2014, and May 2017. All counts collected for a 24 to 72 hour period on a typical weekday (Tuesday through Thursday) while school was in session.
Traffic Volume on Mount Auburn Street, Watertown

Historically, traffic volumes have steadily increased over time with increases in population, employment, and commercial development. However, traffic volumes collected along the Mount Auburn Street corridor over the past ten years show that traffic volumes have remained stagnant or have decreased, even as residential and commercial development in Watertown has grown. Generally, although local traffic has increased due to the increased development, regional traffic has decreased due to changes in how people commute. The data also suggest that the recent reconstruction projects on Arsenal Street, Belmont Street, and Trapelo Road have not caused substantive amounts of traffic growth along Mount Auburn Street.

Although recent data show a flat or downward trend in traffic volumes, the proposed project is being designed to accommodate future traffic volumes with an assumption that traffic will increase over the next 20 years. This assumption includes growth in overall traffic volumes consistent with other studies in town, as well as increased traffic due to specific planned development projects. The project will balance maintaining traffic capacity with the need for safe and healthy multimodal transportation options.