



the Community Transport website. We will put the rest of Canterbury's information on this website also.

The Chair thanked Sina and Norm for their presentation.

### **Demographic change and transport**

Bridget presented a summary of a presentation given at the recent Communities conference (July, Hamilton: <http://www.communitywaikato.org.nz/Conference+2015.html>) by her and Dr William (Bill) Cochrane from the University of Waikato. Bill's part covered demographic change in the Waikato region, with the following highlights:

- Overall, New Zealand in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is coming to the end of natural population growth
- The Waikato Region will continue to grow, with differences within the region; some districts will grow and others will not
- Overall in New Zealand, 84% of Territorial Authorities will experience all of their growth in aged 65%

Bridget then discussed implications of these issues for transport, including:

- Transport decision-making is complex, with multiple organisations and departments within those, all dealing with different aspects of issues
- Social issues are not always considered in transport planning, and where they are, they are not necessarily valued or 'traded off' in a similar way to other issues such as traffic congestion or road safety
- Data such as 'household access to a motor vehicle' is readily available on the Statistics New Zealand website, but this is not a commonly used metric in transport planning

The Chair thanked Bridget for her presentation.

### **Waikato Regional Council Passenger Transport Update**

Vincent Kuo provided an update. The contract for existing public transport services in the region is under review. New routes as outlined in the Public Transport Plan (available on the Waikato Regional Council website and on the Waikato Community Transport website, [www.waikatocommunitytransport.org.nz](http://www.waikatocommunitytransport.org.nz)) are likely to be operational by late 2016. The fare structure for these services will also be reviewed over the coming year.

Waikato Regional Council will continue to work with South Waikato on the Urban Connector trial and associated issues.

The Chair thanked Vince for his presentation.

### **The next meeting**

The next meeting of the forum will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in Hamilton.

Any agenda items for the next meeting should be sent to Paul Keesing.

The Chair thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 12:15pm.