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Big boost for Melton bus route

A £160,000 boost to bus stops in Melton is set to make life easier for passengers.

Kerbs have been raised and pavements widened along the Arriva 5 and 5A route to Leicester, making it simpler for people to get on and off the vehicles.

The improvements, carried out by the County Council, include new bus stop signs, timetable cases and re-shaped lay-bys.

The higher kerbs will especially help older people and parents with babies and small children and follow new, easy-access low-floor buses brought in along the route by Arriva.

Lesley Pendleton, County Council Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, said: "This is a boost for passengers using a key route linking the communities between Melton and Leicester.

"It is important to make sure public transport is accessible to everyone and 95 per cent of county residents now have access to at least one bus every hour.

"We aim to tailor changes so that they complement those made by bus operators and I'm delighted that the County Council has worked with Arriva to deliver these improvements."

Keith Myatt, communications manager for Arriva Midlands, said: "Having made a significant investment in 11 easy access low-floor buses for services 5 and 5A, Arriva Midlands is delighted to see new raised kerbs and other improvements at bus stops along this route.

"Working together with the County Council we have achieved a step change in the quality of services we offer to our customers."

For information on buses in Leicestershire, visit the County Council's website at www.leics.gov.uk/local_bus_services .