

NEW BUS STOP AT MAHEC SHOULD IMPROVE ACCESS

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City Bus (Asheville Citizen-Times file photo)

ASHEVILLE -- The city transit system has added a bus stop that will serve MAHEC patients.

"This one (bus) actually stops on campus so patients can get out at their doctor's office," said Angele Mainhart, marketing and communications specialist for MAHEC.

Several MAHEC employees including Dr. Jeffery Heck, MAHEC president and CEO, will celebrate the new stop with a ride on the bus Tuesday morning.

"Many of the patients we serve at MAHEC are low-income and underinsured," Heck said in a news release. "Transportation is often an issue keeping them from the health care they need and deserve. A bus stop is something we've wanted since we built the campus, and we're excited that patients now have an easy, inexpensive way to get to their doctor."

The city, including Asheville City Council and the Transit Committee, worked to make this possible for patients who use public transit, according to the release.

The MAHEC bus stop is part of a new route, S6, which goes down Hendersonville Road to Biltmore Park in south Asheville. The MAHEC stop is included on both the inbound and outbound leg of the trip.

MAHEC has a new three-way stop on campus to improve the intersection, and the "Bus Stop" sign is located at the east end of the sidewalk in front of the MAHEC Ob/Gyn Specialists building (119 Hendersonville Road.)

The campus gate hours will also be extended to open by 6:30 a.m. and close just after 9 p.m. weekdays to accommodate the new bus schedule.

[View the new S6 route schedule here.](#)