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As a transit provider who lost ridership coming out of COVID, it is critically important to make sure all our passengers feel safe. Providing a clean drug free environment to our transit passengers is a big step in affording those passengers with a greater sense of safety and security. This is especially important for our longer commuter routes, where passengers are not able to get off the vehicle and are in close proximity for longer periods of time.

After spending \$1.8 million in state and federal funds on the construction of our Downtown Grants Pass Transit Hub, Senate Bill 1553 provides us with an additional tool to maintain that investment and again provide a safe comfortable environment for transit passengers, employees and the general public.