and need for the proposed action and
the range of alternatives to be evaluated
in detail in the AA/EIS. Depending on
the outcome of the scoping process and
the analysis of a wide range of transit
alternatives, a Locally Preferred
Alternative (LPA) will be selected and
evaluated in the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS
will be prepared simultaneously with
conceptual engineering for the
alternatives, including station and
alignment options. The Draft EIS
process will address the potential use of
Federal funds for the proposed action,
as well as assess the social, economic,
and environmental impacts of the
station and alignment alternatives.
Station designs and any alignment
options will be refined to minimize and
mitigate any adverse impacts.
After publication, the Draft EIS will
be available for public and agency
review and comment, and a public
hearing will be held. Based on the Draft
EIS and comments received, the LPA
may be refined, and Valley Metro Rail,
Inc. will further assess the LPA in the
Final EIS and will apply for FTA
approval to initiate Preliminary
Engineering of the LPA.

F. James Kenna,
Deputy Regional Administrator, Region IX.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Requests for additional information or
copies of the form and instructions
should be directed to Carol Savage at
Internal Revenue Service, room 6407,
1111 Constitution Avenue, NW.,
Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622–
3945, or through the Internet at
CAROLA.SAVAGE@irs.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment
Request for Form 9452

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS),
Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the
Treasury, as part of its continuing effort
to reduce paperwork and respondent
burden, invites the general public and
other Federal agencies to take this
opportunity to comment on proposed
and/or continuing information
collections, as required by the
L. 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).
Currently, the IRS is soliciting
comments concerning Form 9452, Filing
Assistance Program (Do you have to file
a tax return?).

DATES: Written comments should be
received on or before February 17, 2004,
to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments
to R. Joseph Durbala, Internal Revenue
Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution
Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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copies of the form and instructions
should be directed to Carol Savage at
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3945, or through the Internet at
CAROLA.SAVAGE@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Filing Assistance Program (Do
you have to file a tax return?).
OMB Number: 1545–1316.
Form Number: 9452.
Abstract: Form 9452 aids individuals
in determining whether it is necessary
to file a Federal tax return. Form 9452
will not be collected by the IRS; it is to
be used by individuals at their
discretion. Form 9452 is used by the
Service’s taxpayer assistance programs.
It is also available on the Internet, and
it is distributed in an annual mailout to
taxpayers.

Current Actions: There are no changes
being made to the form at this time.
Type of Review: Extension of a
currently approved collection.
Affected Public: Individuals or
households.
Estimated Number of Respondents:
1,650,000.
Estimated Time Per Response: 30
minutes.
Estimated Total Annual Burden
Hours: 825,000.

The following paragraph applies to all
of the collections of information covered
by this notice:
An agency may not conduct or
sponsor, and a person is not required to
respond to, a collection of information
unless the collection of information
displays a valid OMB control number.
Books or records relating to a collection
of information must be retained as long
as their contents may become material
in the administration of any internal
revenue law. Generally, tax returns and
tax return information are confidential,
as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments
submitted in response to this notice will
be summarized and/or included in the
request for OMB approval. All
comments will become a matter of
public record. Comments are invited on:
(a) Whether the collection of
information is necessary for the proper
performance of the functions of the
agency, including whether the
information shall have practical utility;
(b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate
of the burden of the collection of
information; (c) ways to enhance the
quality, utility, and clarity of the
information to be collected; (d) ways to
minimize the burden of the collection
of information on respondents, including
through the use of automated collection
techniques or other forms of information
technology; and (e) estimates of capital
or start-up costs and costs of operation,
maintenance, and purchase of services
to provide information.

R. Joseph Durbala,
IRS Reports Clearance Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment
Request for Form 1099–H

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS),
Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the
Treasury, as part of its continuing effort
to reduce paperwork and respondent
burden, invites the general public and
other Federal agencies to take this
opportunity to comment on proposed
and/or continuing information
collections, as required by the
L. 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).
Currently, the IRS is soliciting
comments concerning Form 1099–H,
Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC)
Advance Payments.

DATES: Written comments should be
received on or before February 17, 2004,
to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments
to R. Joseph Durbala, Internal Revenue
Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution
Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Requests for additional information or
copies of the form and instructions
should be directed to Carol Savage at
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Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622–
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CAROLA.SAVAGE@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Health Coverage Tax Credit
(HCTC) Advance Payments.
OMB Number: 1545–1813.
Form Number: 1099–H.
Abstract: Form 1099–H is used to
report advance payments of health
insurance premiums to qualified
recipients for their use in computing the
allowable health insurance credit on
Form 8885.
Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.  
Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.  
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.  
Estimated Number of Responses: 110,000.  
Estimated Time Per Respondent: 18 minutes.  
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 33,000.  
The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:  
An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.  
Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.  
R. Joseph Durbula,  
IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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