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Commissioners of the Virginia State Corporation Commission
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Dear Commissioners of the Virginia State Corporation Commission (the Commission),

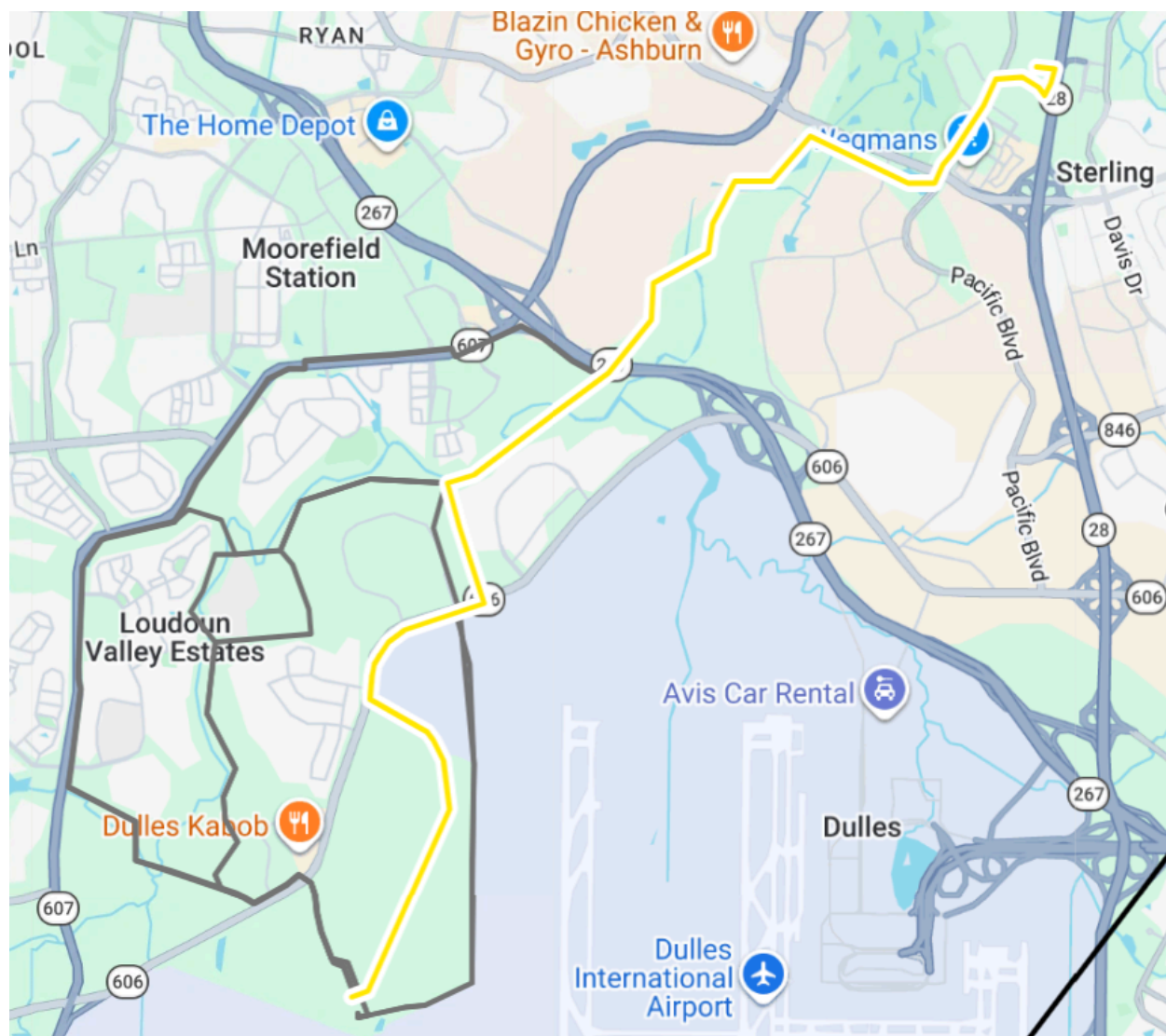
I am writing to request a meeting to better understand the Golden to Mars transmission project routes and explain what I have heard from federal agencies involved. State and federal partners must work together to reevaluate the route options that were put forward and pursue an alternative route that does not negatively impact communities.

Four different routes were initially evaluated with a few adjustments to Route 3. All of the proposed routes are incredibly invasive and impactful on residents in the area. The current route that the Commission has selected, Route 3a, goes through Virginians' back yards and close to Rosa Lee Carter Elementary School and Rock Ridge High School. A previously proposed route, Route 4, cut directly through these schools' properties.

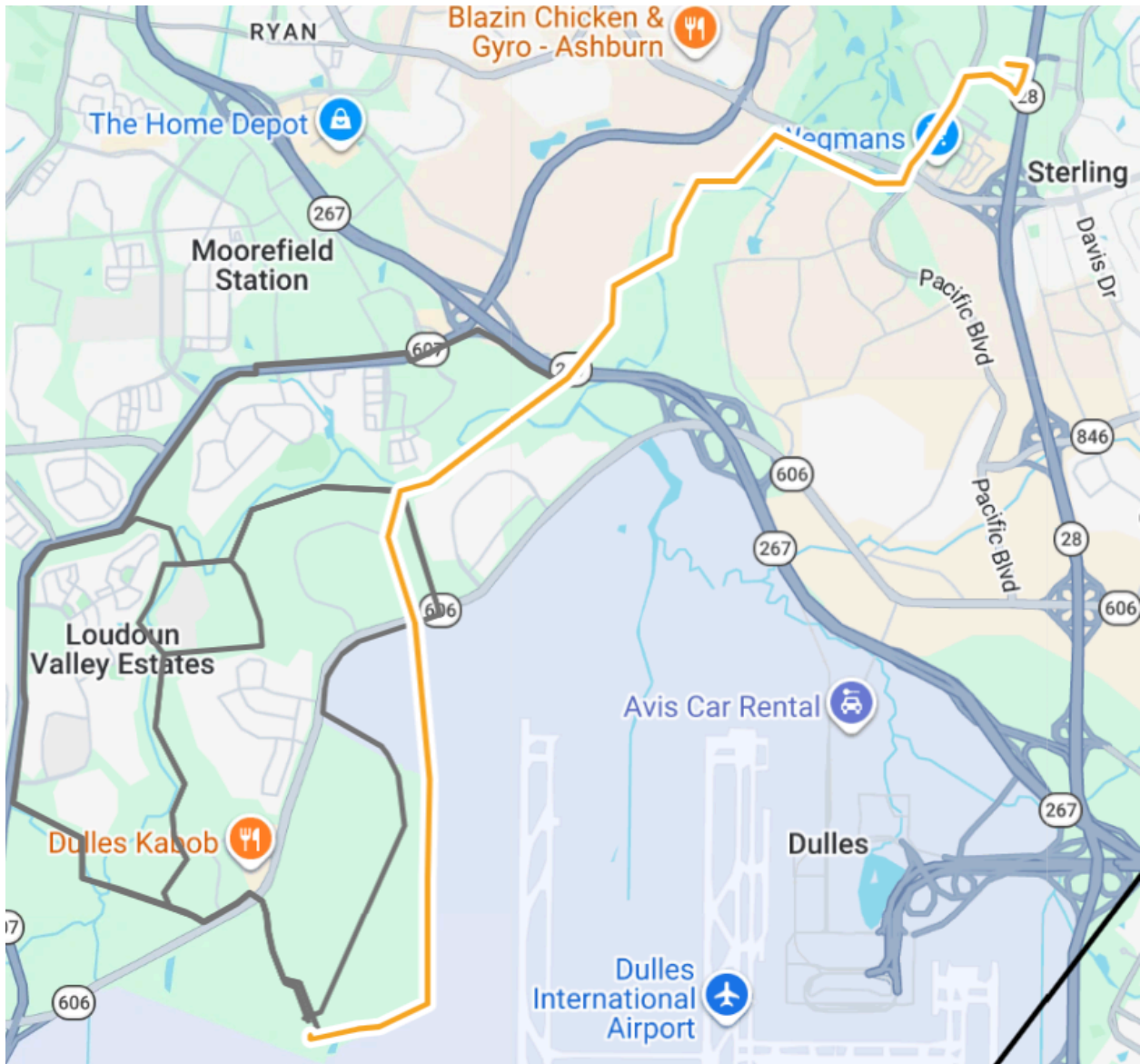
I have heard directly from constituents that will have their properties taken, constituents that may have to send their children to school under massive transmission lines, and constituents who are watching the communities they put their lives into be covered by transmission lines, substations, and data centers. Their concerns about the impacts above-ground transmission lines could have on their neighborhoods, livelihoods, and children's safety should not fall on deaf ears.

After a close evaluation of the situation, it appears that there are other options that would minimize negative impacts on communities. But it appears these options were not given adequate consideration. Specifically, they include alternative routes down Old Ox Road/606 as well as routes west of Dulles International Airport's runways through National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) land. These routes would minimize impacts to homes and communities. Please see the attached maps for new routes which were crafted after conversations with NOAA, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and Dominion Energy. I believe we should consider all options that mitigate negative impacts on our communities.

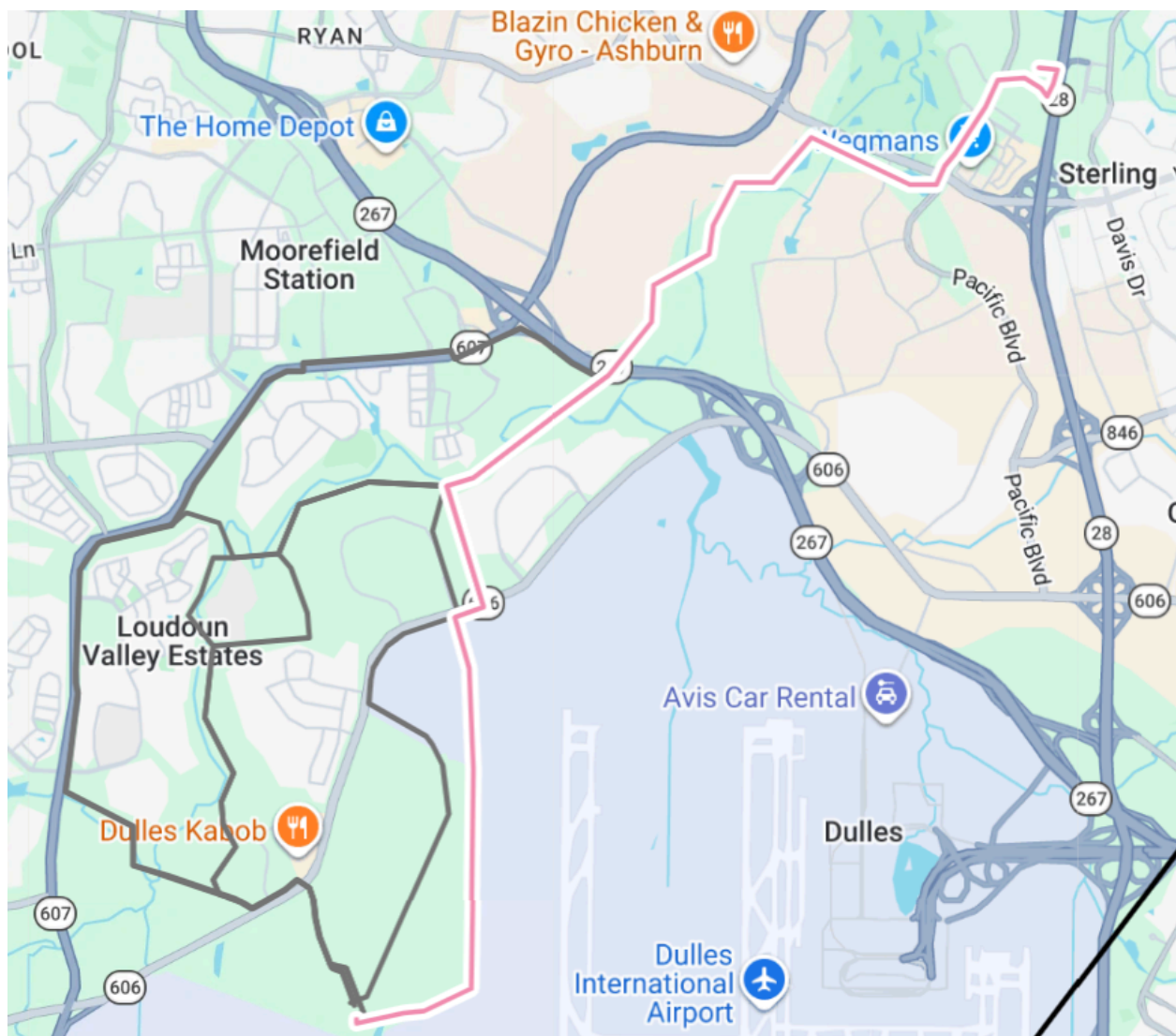
New Route #1



New Route #2



New Route #3



I was told that routes along 606 or directly west of Dulles were not feasible because federal agencies like NOAA would not allow a transmission line right-of-way on their property. I sat down with NOAA Administrator Dr. Niel Jacobs on July 20, 2026, and I was surprised to hear that NOAA did **not** have a technical objection to a route on their land or near the WSR-88D Doppler radar such as New Route #1. In fact, Dr. Jacobs seemed open to working with the community to find a feasible route for a transmission line even if it were to go through NOAA property.

I have also spoken with MWAA and the FAA about the safety checks and obstruction evaluations they produce for construction around Dulles. The FAA is producing an obstruction evaluation on a route Dominion Energy submitted for where current Golden-Mars route propositions cross the center of Dulles runways 19R and 19C. The New Routes cross the center of these runways at the same points to avoid any obstruction concerns that are not already being addressed in the current application. The FAA and MWAA will not give specific comments on routes that were not submitted by a utility, but neither of the agencies told me routes down the 606 corridor or west of the airport were impossible.

I would like to address the following questions in a scheduled meeting;

- 1. Why were routes like the attached New Routes not considered?**
- 2. Why were assumptions made about federal land administrators not allowing transmission right-of-ways?**
- 3. Would you be willing to meet NOAA, MWAA, and FAA to discuss these options?**
- 4. What can be done for this project to be reconsidered and for these New Routes to be properly evaluated?**

Ignoring community input and calls for better routes is eroding the public's trust in regulators, utilities, this entire public engagement process, and even transmission infrastructure itself. We cannot let the standard be transmission lines that cut through back yards and decrease quality of life while better options exist. It seems like there is a better path forward for everyone. Every possible alternative route should be evaluated in this case to avoid negative impacts on our communities.

As a Representative at the federal level I am interested in ensuring grid reliability and amplifying community voices when they are not being heard. I recognize the importance of a reliable energy grid, but we cannot place the data center industry's need for electricity on the backs of Virginians.

I can provide more detailed maps of the New Routes if needed, and I will be following up on this request for a meeting frequently.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Suhas Subramanyam', with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end.

Suhas Subramanyam
Member of Congress