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NVTC REMEMBERS FOUNDING COMMISSIONER JOSEPH ALEXANDER **Alexander spent 31 years on the Commission**

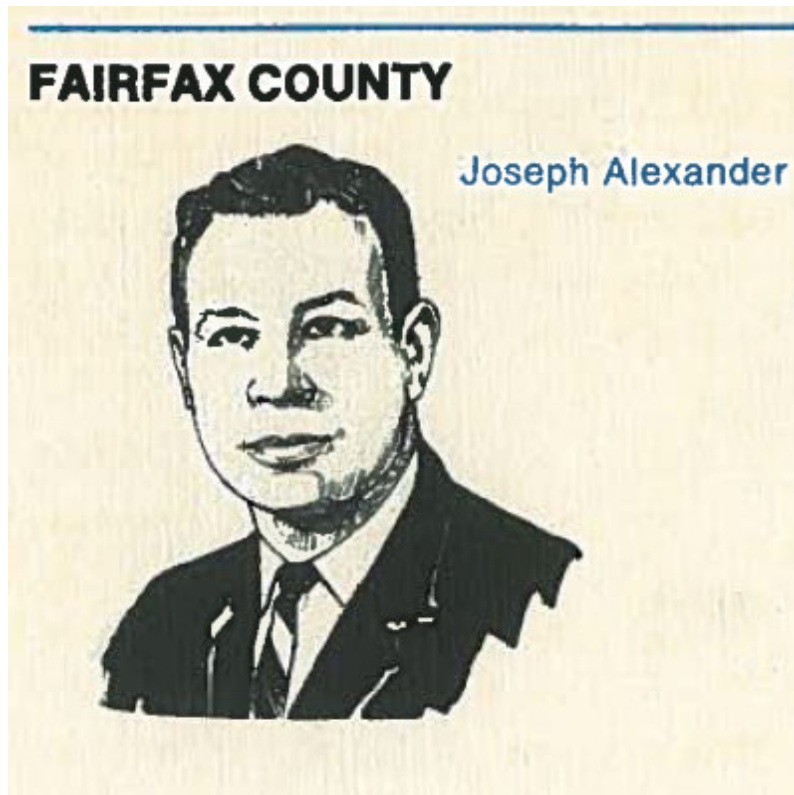
Arlington, Va. - Members of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission honored one of their own at tonight's Commission meeting. Joseph Alexander, a founding member of NVTC, [died Sunday](#) at age 90.

Mr. Alexander served on NVTC from its inception in 1964 until 1995, serving as chair for a three-year period from 1970 through 1972. He served as the Lee District Supervisor on the Fairfax County Board for 32 years and he represented Fairfax County on NVTC for 31 of those years. He also represented NVTC on the WMATA Board of Directors for over 20 years, from 1971 – 1995, serving as chair four times. He was also a founding member of the VRE Operations Board and served from 1988 -1995. VRE named one of its locomotives after him, honoring him for his service to VRE.

"Joe was just a remarkable individual, a transformative character, really, in Fairfax County. I never met anyone in my life who loved transit more than Joe did," [said](#) Commissioner and Fairfax County Chair Jeff McKay, adding that Alexander was, "Someone who was so proud of Northern Virginia and all that we've been able to do for transit."

Throughout his long tenure on NVTC, Mr. Alexander was instrumental in helping establish the 90-mile Metro system and the Franconia/Springfield Transportation Center, the VRE commuter rail project, and many other transit related projects. Even after he retired from political service in 1995, he continued to be active in the Virginia Transit Association and the American Public Transportation Association. Joe Alexander truly was passionate about transit. As a life-long friend and supporter of NVTC, we would see him at many of our events, including last year's December Legislative Briefing.

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An illustration of Joseph Alexander from a 1971 NVTC publication

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