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A map showing the location of the Tacoma Longshoremen's Union Local. The map includes labels for "Tacoma Longshoremen Credit Union", "E Alexander Ave", "Longshoremen's Union Local" (marked with a red building icon), and "Betta Mansions" (marked with a blue building icon). A blue circle highlights the intersection of E Alexander Ave and the street running vertically on the right, which is labeled "Alexander Ave E".

A detailed map of Tacoma, Washington, and its immediate surroundings. The map shows a grid of streets, including major thoroughfares like I-5 (Tacoma Narrows Expressway) and SR-16 (Pacific Highway). Key locations labeled include Tacoma, Fircrest, Fife, and Fife Heights. The Port of Tacoma is visible on the eastern side of the map, adjacent to the city. A blue pin is placed on the map, indicating a specific location near the intersection of Pacific Highway and Industry Drive. The map also shows various parks, water bodies, and local landmarks.



Application to Confer Honorary Roadway Name
"Willie Adams Way"
in Association with East Alexander Avenue

Ad Hoc Work Group Summary

Department	Response Date	Response	Comments?
City Attorney's Office	10/15/2025	Approved	N
City Manager's Office	10/10/2025	Approved	Y
Government Relations	10/14/2025	Not Required	N
Historic Preservation	10/2/2025	Approved	N
Office of Equity and Human Rights	9/30/2025	Approved	N
Real Property Services	9/26/2025	Approved	N
Traffic Engineering	9/22/2025	Approved	Y

City Manager's Office

Especially given the Port's letter of support, I believe this application should be approved.

Traffic Engineering

Various checklist items (derived from the City's Resolution for Place Naming) for Traffic's specific review were read through and confirmed to apply in support of the application for honorary naming or not be an issue/apply for items that would detract from support of the honorary street naming application. Although the type of street and its location/orientation would suggest it would have the "Street" suffix, the proposed use of "Way" is not overly confusing or unexpected and is supported by Traffic given the overall context.

Feedback Summary

Pierce Transit

We see no issue with this street renaming on our end and will notify the appropriate Pierce Transit staff.

Planning and Development Services

This would not cause any issues for the addressing team.

South Sound 911

We will review the request and follow up once our team has completed its review.



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August 25, 2025

City Manager Hyun Kim
747 Market Street
Tacoma, WA 98402

Subject: Port of Tacoma Support for Willie Adams Way

Dear Manager Kim,

On behalf of the Port of Tacoma, I am writing to express our support for the proposed renaming of the private road in front of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) building to Willie Adams Way.

The Port has reviewed the application submitted by the ILWU and acknowledges the significance of honoring Mr. Willie Adams, a respected leader and advocate for labor and maritime communities. We understand that the City requires consent from adjacent property owners for the renaming process, and we hereby provide our formal approval for the renaming of the following Port of Tacoma addresses:

- 4012 SR 509 HWY N
- 4012 SR 509
- 1131 Alexander Ave E

We appreciate the opportunity to support this meaningful recognition and look forward to the successful completion of the renaming process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Eric D. Johnson'.

Eric D. Johnson, Executive Director
Port of Tacoma

Petition Information: This petition is in support of an honorary street naming request for the section of road on Alexander Ave E. The proposed honorary name is “Willie Adams Way.”

- Honorary street name requests do not replace the existing, official street name.
- Honorary street name requests do not affect your mailing address.
- Honorary street name requests do not affect emergency services' abilities to locate properties.
- There is no cost to the requester or nearby properties to approve/install an honorary street name.
- Honorary street name signs will resemble official street name signs but will be brown instead of green and only posted at the beginning/end of the requested roadway segment.

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