



# 2012 AASHTO SCOM/TRB Maintenance Conference

We would like to welcome you to the upcoming [2012 AASHTO SCOM/TRB Maintenance Conference](#) in Seattle. [Seattle](#) is renowned for its spectacular scenery and cultural diversity, and offers many possibilities for sightseeing and evening adventures. We know you will have a great adventure when you get here and to make sure we have include some details about our climate and the activities you will be enjoying.

## WEATHER

Month	Avg. High	Avg. Low	Avg. Precipitation*	Avg. Rain Days	Record High	Record Low
July	78° F	57° F	0.79 inches	7	105° F 2009	45° F 1949

The annual precipitation in Seattle averages 36.2 inches per year. The weather can be rainy (but is usually just drizzly) on any given day even though historically July is one of the driest and warmest months. The average highs are in the upper 70s. The days are also long, and sunset (let alone twilight) is after 9 p.m. for weeks.

The main challenge of [Seattle's weather](#) is more the overcast skies than the rain. The morning could start with a damp fog that lifts by mid-day revealing the hot sun. Overall, the summer is very pleasant but there can still be a chill in the early morning or evening air.

## ACTIVITIES

### Monday, July 16, 2012: Subcommittee on Maintenance Orientation Breakfast

The orientation breakfast is open to all conference participants to learn about the AASHTO [Subcommittee on Maintenance \(SCOM\)](#) and what to expect over the course of the week. The orientation breakfast will be held in the Ballard Room on the third floor. All new members, first time conference attendees or anyone with an interest in learning more about the SCOM are encouraged to attend.

### Tuesday, July 17, 2012: Technical Tour of I-90 Floating Bridge and Tunnel

Optional activities include: a 30 minute boat tour of the floating bridge or a five minute boat ride to inspect a bridge pontoon, ladder climbing and negotiating hatches (a jacket is recommended for the boat ride); a tour of the tunnel facility and ventilation system; and a walking grounds tour of the lid (park). Wear footwear suitable for walking and climbing on the tour. All necessary personal protective equipment will be provided.

Casual attire and a jacket are recommended.

### Wednesday, July 18, 2012: Tillicum Village Cruise and Dinner

Your four-hour adventure begins with an Argosy cruise on Puget Sound to Blake Island. You will be greeted with a clam appetizer followed by a buffet meal. Guests can watch salmon being cooked in the traditional Northwest Coast Indian style on cedar stakes over an alder-wood fire. After an authentic performance highlighting the customs, beliefs and dances of the Northwest Coast Salish Indians, you'll have free time to stroll the grounds and gift shop area before returning to Seattle.

Casual attire and a jacket or sweater are recommended for the cruise to Blake Island. The boat has enclosed and open deck areas for you to enjoy.