

We've "modernized" the price of your hamburger, sir. It now costs \$8.50.

When passengers hear "modernize" and "charge" in the same sentence, they should hold onto their wallets.

Airport groups want to nearly double the tax travelers pay when flying, costing passengers more than \$2 billion extra a year. Instead of calling the tax hike what it is, airports say they want to "modernize" the passenger facility charge customers pay.

Unlike bridges, roads or highways, airports enjoy a variety of funding sources for improvement projects. Airports have healthy balance sheets and airline partners who are already working with them to make flying better...to the tune of more than \$70 billion in projects completed, underway or approved at the nation's 30 largest airports since 2008. Let's modernize infrastructure. With already modernized funds. Our customers have been "modernized" enough.

