## Air Service May be about Airports

- Cruise is less than half of total activity per trip
- For short-haul stage lengths
- If airline prices mirror airline costs:
- Ticket prices are $\$ 151$ plus $\$ 0.03 / \mathrm{mi}$
- Only $17 \%$ of prices are distance dependent at 1000 mi .
- Airport, Security, Immigration costs
- Smaller stations can have high costs
- Allocation of system costs can favor or disfavor
- Larger airports and airlines dominate standard setting


## Turn Times Are 30\% of Total at 1500 km




## Airplane Thinking Misses Airport Costs Even Those Associated with the Airplane!

- Ownership is 30\% of airplane costs
- At 1500 km, turn is $30 \%$ of ownership time
- Ownership alone makes turns = 9\% of costs
- But this is not the way we present it
- Same turn times and work rates for all airplanes
- Same gate and servicing costs for same size airplanes
- Transformation of trips/year needed to break out turn times
- Are short-haul airplanes designed to save airport costs?
- Ownership time, ground equipment, labor costs, ...


## Turn-Time Ownership Costs are 9\% at 1500 km



## Research Involves Several Disciplines

- Research involves observing at airports
- Research involves working with airlines
- Airport managers
- Operations controllers
- Schedule planners
- Research involves prototype modeling \& testing
- Backgrounds needed:

1. Industrial Engineering (system process design)
2. Airline Operations Research (schedules, reliability)
3. Math modeling including simulations (programming)
4. Administration and Customer relations skills

## Airport Costs Inhibit Access

- Physical Airport Authority
- Is airport a community value?
- Are charges or costs variable with landings?
- Taxes and fees, are they viewed as falling on "outsiders?"
- Security inspection costs
- Procedures are designed at the national level
- Focused on large airport constituencies
- Allocation of expenses is partially political
- TSA lacks FAA's twin responsibilities to promote as well as protect
- High stress issue for infrequent travelers
- Immigration
- Like TSA, sole responsibility is to prevent
- Opportunity for self-importance or corruption
- High uncertainty, even for frequent travelers


## Airports Are Monopolies

- Lack of competitive corrections
- "Service processes evolve for the convenience of the server"
- Airport part of costs have been rising
- While airplane, airline, cruise costs fall
- Processes planned for large airports
- May gain from redesign for smaller airports

