



Uber calls it "Project Luigi." The company planners claim it allows Uber drivers more control control over their income as independent contractors. So far, the system is being tried at California airports in Santa Barbara, Palm Springs and Sacramento.

Uber drivers there can set fares up to five times greater than Uber's original price, in increments of 10%. In other words, now Uber drivers can rip off riders for typical cabbie high charges, especially in busy airports. Ten years ago, newly-introduced Uber charges averaged less than half of taxi fares.

Them wuzz the days! So, whenever you book a Uber ride at those three airports, and soon everywhere else, be prepared to pay as much as you would for a taxi.