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NEW ROAD LINKS DOCKLANDS WITH BRITAIN'S MOTORWAYS

A major new road, linking the Royal Docks with Britain's national motorway network, is scheduled to begin construction in the early summer.

Funded by the London Docklands Development Corporation, through the Department of the Environment, at a total cost of £18 million, the Eastern Gateway Access Route (EGAR) will run from the end of the South Woodford to Barking extension of the M11 at the A13, across East Beckton to the proposed Cyprus Bypass at the eastern end of the Royal Albert Dock. It will open to traffic in mid-1988, the same time as the M11 extension.

The 2 km road is also intended to connect with the East London River Crossing, currently the subject of a public inquiry, which is proposed for construction in the 1990s.

EGAR, part of the LDDC's overall transport strategy for Docklands, is the biggest road scheme undertaken by the Corporation to date, not only in terms of investment, but also in what it will achieve, says the LDDC's Royal Docks Civil Engineer, David Crompton. "It is the first major step towards opening up the Royal Docks to the outside world."

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