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## TRANSPORT TRANSFORMATION IN LONDON DOCKLANDS

Transport in London Docklands is being transformed and at a speed unprecedented anywhere in Britain, the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC) and the Department of Transport (DTp) said today (15 March).

Led by the Minister of Transport, Roger Freeman MP, the LDDC and the DTp joined forces to demonstrate that with £3.5 billion now being pumped into transport projects serving the area, the transport scene in London Docklands is being dramatically improved.

LDDC Chairman David Hardy said: "London Docklands' growing transport network for the 1990's is coming on stream all the time. So much is happening so fast. New public transport services, new roads, everything is now coming together."

Speaking as Mr Freeman announced the latest transport improvements, the running of new double-length trains at peak hours on the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) and increases of train frequency to 5-minute headways, David Hardy stressed:

"Major advances take place for London Docklands in 1991. The DLR will have had its passenger capacity on the City line trebled and July sees the system linked directly to the London Underground at Bank.

"Vital leaps forward on road and rail, including the LDDC funded DLR extension to Beckton, will be complete and in full operation in 1992. The remainder of the extensive network will be largely in place by 1993."

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"Later, by the mid-1990's, the proposed Jubilee Line Extension from Central London will introduce a massive boost to London Docklands' public transport services to meet the forecast growth in passenger demand."

Mr Hardy also stressed that the LDDC eagerly awaits favourable public inquiry decisions in the summer for the new East London River Crossing (ELRIC) across the River Thames and to enable longer haul but super-quiet jets to be flown from London City Airport in the Royal Docks.

"These will be highly important decisions for the future," he said. "The new crossing will link London Docklands to the main road routes direct to the Channel Tunnel and the developments at the airport will enable new services to be introduced connecting all the major European cities."

All the transport developments for London Docklands - including public transport services and its new roads system - are described in full in a new joint DTP/LDDC booklet, launched by Mr Freeman today. The launch began a tour taking in the new DLR station at Bank, a trip on the Thames RiverBus service and a visit to Canary Wharf on the Isle of Dogs.

David Hardy concluded: "The DTP and the LDDC are totally committed to ensuring London Docklands has the best transport network possible. I must stress that this network is not some dream for the future, it is emerging today.

"It is now time all these improvements and levels of investment are widely and fully recognised. London Docklands is overcoming its transport challenges at great speed."

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Editor's Note : Copies of the new LDDC/DTP booklet - 'London Docklands Transport - The Growing Network for the 1990's - are available from the LDDC Press Office.

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## LONDON DOCKLANDS GROWING TRANSPORT NETWORK

### DLR

March 1991	Increase in train frequencies to 5 minute headway.
March 1991	Introduction of double length trains.
April 1991	Opening of Canary Wharf Station.
July 1991	Start of services to Bank.
October 1991	Further increase of frequencies to 2 minute headway.
April 1992	Full service to Bank.
December 1992	New signalling and control system becomes operational.
December 1992	Opening of Beckton Extension.
1995 (subject to Parliamentary approval)	Opening of Lewisham Extension.

### UNDERGROUND

The Bill to authorise the extension of the Jubilee Line from Green Park to Stratford, via Surrey Docks, Canary Wharf, Greenwich Peninsular and Stratford is currently at Committee stage in the House of Commons. The project already has Government funding approval. Subject to Parliamentary approval, it will open in 1996 with a passenger capacity within Docklands of 22,000 per hour in each direction.

### ROADS

The LDDC is building a network of new strategic four-lane highways within London Docklands. All the schemes are already complete, on site or will be completed by 1992-1993. Completion dates for the three most important schemes are: 1. Lower Lea Crossing - by February 1992 2. East India Dock Link - by July 1993 3. The Limehouse Link - in stages by May and August 1993. In addition, a £1 billion programme of improvements to trunk roads, including the A13, is well under way by the Department of Transport. A decision following a planning inquiry on the East London River Crossing (ELRIC) is expected this summer.

### AIR

A decision on the planning application to enable longer haul jets to be flown from London City Airport is also expected this summer.

### RIVER

Three new RiverBuses will become operational during the course of the year and the whole fleet will be fitted with new, more powerful engines. This will result in a more frequent service.

### BUSES

New express & shuttle bus routes are being introduced over the next 2 years. The first, the D1 to Waterloo and London Bridge, was introduced in September 1990.