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## **WEST INDIA DOCK ROAD WIDENING - £1.7M CONTRACT AWARDED**

A £1.7 million contract has been awarded by the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC) to Percy Bilton Ltd to widen the West India Dock Road, on the Western approach to the Isle of Dogs. Work on the scheme, which will result in a dualling of West India Dock Road over a half-kilometre stretch between Rich Street and Ming Street, is expected to start in September, with completion due in early 1992.

The scheme will connect at its southern end with the LDDC's Limehouse Link contract, part of which involves the widening of the remainder of West India Dock Road and the section of Westferry Road between Garford Street and Westferry Circus. Work began on the 3 1/2 year Limehouse Link project in November, 1989.

At its Northern end, the widening scheme will join work to improve the junction of West India Dock Road and the A13 Commercial Road/East India Dock Road under an anticipated £1m contract for the Department of Transport. It is expected that work will commence at this junction in October and last for approximately one year.

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When complete, these dovetailing contracts will result in a much greater capacity for traffic approaching the Isle of Dogs from the North West. During the construction period however, the LDDC will be giving priority to flows of existing traffic in order to maintain good access along this important route.

The West India Dock Road widening scheme is part of the LDDC's major highways programme which is providing a series of new and improved roads throughout London Docklands.

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**NOTE TO EDITORS**

The West India Dock Road widening forms the Westernmost part of the LDDC's Poplar Link scheme. The whole project comprises a 1.4 km four-to-six lane road which will continue the alignment of West India Dock Road eastwards across the north of the Isle of Dogs to Prestons Road, upgrading the road already built along this corridor.

Plans are also in hand for the refurbishment and development of properties along the North/East side of West India Dock Road from the "Lipstick" gateway site. These are not directly affected by the road proposals.