

Eastman Cooke & Assocs. upgrades 20,014 s/f DOT Long Island City facilities

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Peter Morandi

Queens, NY Eastman Cooke & Associates (ECA) has completed the renovation of more than 20,014 s/f of workspace occupied by the New York City Department of Transportation at HUB-LIC, 47-25 34th St. The 346,000 s/f, three-level building is owned by Metropolitan Realty Associates (MRA) and is located one block from a subway hub and additionally offers close access to I-495.

The project entailed significant upgrades to the mechanical and electrical infrastructure and other structural components of the building. In addition, Eastman Cooke expanded the existing interior space by nearly 1,500 s/f and installed contemporary lighting, staff bathrooms, new flooring, and sprinkler and alarm systems. The grade-level work expands DOT's occupancy to 212,000 s/f on both the first and second floors of HUB LIC and provides even greater access to the building's multiple loading docks and overhead doors.

"We are happy to be working on a project at HUB LIC and contributing to the revitalization of an important commercial asset in Long Island City," said Peter Morandi, chief executive officer, LEED AP. "In addition to expanding the existing footprint, we are converting a dated interior into a bright workspace and parking area with new floors and additional staff facilities. The work is both energy efficient and wellness-focused, which these workers who do so much for the city certainly deserve!"

The project was awarded in early January and completed in April 2023.

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