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A new road junction has been completed in Peterborough city centre, improving access to a well-used car park.

The junction, in Bourges Boulevard, was finished recently and is making it easier for motorists to use the London North Eastern Railway (LNER) car park close to Peterborough railway station.

The work, which was funded by the Cambridgeshire LEP (now Combined Authority) has seen a new pedestrian crossing installed, along with a new footpath and verge.

The road carriageway has been re-surfaced, traffic signals along the route have been refurbished, street lighting has been upgraded and traffic signs and road markings have been improved.

The LNER car park has also been enhanced, with new parking spaces created.

Councillor Peter Hiller, Peterborough City Council's Cabinet Member for Growth, said: "We are delighted with the finished work which is helping motorists to get in and out of the car park and making it easier for pedestrians to get to and from the city centre.

"We would like to thank all the stakeholders on this project for their assistance and patience during the construction works and while the traffic management restrictions were in place.

"In particular, we should like to extend our gratitude to LNER and Network Rail for their close collaboration and without whom it would not have been possible to progress this work and unlock the future development potential of the Bourges Boulevard site."

James Palmer, Mayor of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, said: "I am pleased that the Combined Authority has been able to support the improvements to Bourges Boulevard, contributing £9.2 million from the Growth Deal.

"This investment in vital city centre infrastructure will enhance links between transport hubs, retail and commercial centres and new housing developments, attracting further growth and jobs to Peterborough.

"Schemes like this are an important example of the Combined Authority helping to deliver for people right now, alongside our longer term plans across the whole of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough."

Tim Hedley-Jones, Major Projects Director at LNER, said: "The 30 new spaces and other enhancements we've made will make a huge difference to users of the station car park.

"It was great to work alongside Peterborough City Council and the Combined Authority to deliver these improvements."

The work also marks the completion of the council's Bourges Boulevard Phase 2 improvement scheme, which has seen a number of projects carried out, helping to improve the public realm area.

These include:

- > Thorpe Road/Thorpe Lea Road traffic signals (to facilitate the new school project on Midland Road)
- > Lower Bridge Street public realm

- > Rivergate improvements
- > Bishop's Road improvements (three phases)
- > Bourges Boulevard foot bridge renovation
- > Henry Penn Walk improvements
- > Crescent Bridge roundabout improvements

Cllr Hiller added: "As a council we are committed to growing the local economy and this project has helped improve the look and feel of this part of the city centre, which in turn is helping to attract new businesses and visitors to the city."