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The City of Wildomar was informed this week it will receive up to a \$125,000 grant from Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Compass Blueprint Demonstration Project to assist in developing a plan for the City's historic areas.

In September of 2010, the City Council overwhelmingly supported the grant application via a resolution. Specifically, there has been talk for years about putting a viable plan in place to identify the historic "Old Town" area of Wildomar in the center of the City near Central and Palomar. The goal is to review all areas in Wildomar with historic value but then focus on planning a particular area.

Western Riverside Council of Government (WRCOG) just announced it too will be using a CalTrans grant to study the historic old route 395 or Jefferson Corridor. Wildomar's Compass Blueprint grant will allow the City to compliment those efforts by furthering public outreach efforts and providing more specifics for the historic areas of Wildomar.

Mayor Swanson commented, "Now that we are a City, grants like this are helping us to finally begin addressing our future planning needs." The Mayor went on to say, "I

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expect once this plan is complete, we will not only be able to use it to preserve the City's history, but we can also use it to further the City's economic development goals."

Councilman Cashman, who serves as the City's unofficial historian, commented, "The City's history and Wildomar's sense of community are vital to future planning efforts. As it has been wisely said, "The past informs the future."" Councilman Cashman went on to say, "These efforts will give me a chance to share with the residents the rural heritage and rich history of Wildomar so that we can make informed decisions as we move the City forward."