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# TOWNHALL MEETING

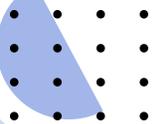
## ***Capital Improvements, Funding, & Potential General Obligation Bond***

*Significant decisions about the Town's public facilities are ahead. The Town will be discussing infrastructure needs and potential funding mechanisms at this special meeting. We plan to feature a short presentation on needs and funding strategies, as well as time for public input and Q&A.*

**MARCH 11, 2026**

**5:00 PM – 6:30 PM**

Our Lady of the Snows Center  
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Alta, UT 84092



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# FACT SHEET

## Overview

For the first time in many years, the Town recently conducted master planning efforts for its buildings, and its water and sewer systems. The studies found that the Town needs to make significant investments in these assets in order to provide safe and effective services in the future. Please join the Alta Town Council and staff to discuss the Town’s needs, as well as possible funding strategies, as the Town considers next steps.

## Key Findings & Recommendations

- The current Post Office building has reached end-of-life and should be demolished for safety reasons.
- Alta Central/Marshal’s Office building has significant structural issues and should be decommissioned as a public safety building.
- The Town was presented with two “test-fit” options for a new building at the site of the current Post Office building.
- Water and sewer infrastructure is over 50 years old and deficient. Substantial improvements are recommended over the next 30 years.

## Proposed Timeline & Next Steps

Task	Timeline	Notes
Building Design	2026 - 2028	Multiple phases
Bond Campaign & Election	2026 or 2027	If supported, bond election would take place in November
Begin Construction	2028	Spring. Post Office/other Town services temporarily relocate
Building Completion	2029	Target completion before first snowfall
Additional Public Meetings & Engagement	Ongoing	Share your thoughts!

## Highlights



### Public Awareness & Engagement

Ensure Alta constituents are informed and understand urgency of projects



### Funding

Current revenues cannot support identified needs



### Prioritization

Town Council will guide decision making about next steps



### Bond Election

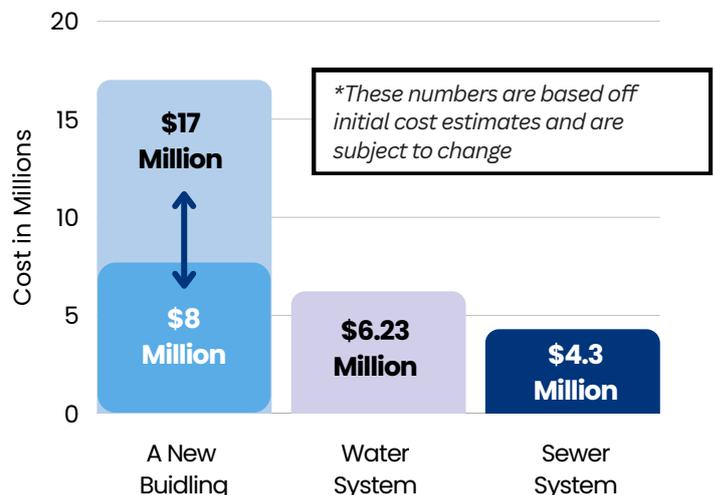
Town may seek a general obligation bond which must be approved by voters and would increase property taxes in Alta



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## Estimated Costs





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## FAQ

### What is all this about???

Over the past three years, the Town Council and staff have identified priorities to support the Town's long-term sustainability. Key efforts include ensuring the Alta Marshals Office has adequate resources and facilities, and planning for maintenance of Town buildings and utilities. In 2024–2025, the Town developed condition assessments and capital improvement plans for these assets, and the upcoming Town Hall meeting will review findings and next steps.

### The Town just acquired OLS. Why build something new?

Acquiring Our Lady of the Snows satisfied a long-term goal to secure a public gathering space. However, it does not resolve the significant structural and accessibility deficiencies at the existing Post Office Building and Alta Central/Marshals Office buildings, which will require major investment to provide safe and effective services in the future.

### What does the Town want to build?

The Town is evaluating options and has not selected a preferred concept. However, a new facility would likely include the current Post Office Building functions (post office, garage bays, deputy quarters, meeting space) and space for the Alta Marshals Office. Administrative functions could move into a new facility or remain in the Town Office.

### What's wrong with the Town's buildings?

Recent assessments found major structural issues at the Post Office Building and Alta Central/Marshals Office. Maintenance needs have gone unmet for so long that repair and replacement costs are likely similar. Both buildings also have significant accessibility challenges and numerous building code compliance issues that must be addressed. The Town Office is in good condition, but it has similar accessibility problems to Alta Central, which pose risks to staff and visitors.

### What happened to the Town of Alta Community Center concept?

The Town has envisioned a new community center for decades. Some earlier plans envisioned a significantly larger building and budget, with a broader range of community functions. The recent acquisition of Our Lady of the Snows, combined with the Town Council's and staff's commitment to long-term sustainability, enabled a shift to a more conservative approach focused on maintaining essential services — which requires substantial investment in aging buildings and infrastructure.

### What about water and sewer?

Most of Alta's water and sewer infrastructure dates to the early 1970s and is nearing the end of its service life. The water system has emergency storage and fire flow deficiencies, and parts of the sewer system are critically deteriorated. The Town has identified priority improvements and long-term funding targets to maintain adequate service on both systems. Improvements to water and sewer systems are typically funded by user fees.



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### How is the Town going to pay for a new building?

The Town is considering a variety of funding options including bonds, grants, philanthropy, and use of reserve funds. A general obligation bond, or GO bond, may be the Town's best option to provide up-front capital to fund construction. A GO bond is a loan repaid through taxes collected on Alta properties. If approved by voters, it would appear on annual tax notices as an additional levy during the term of the bond. If the Town issues a GO bond to fund all or part of the cost of a new building, it could create a significant additional tax burden for Alta property owners, which is a major reason we are prioritizing public engagement early in the process.

### What happens next?

Facility design will begin during summer of 2026. If the council decides to seek a GO bond, a question would be placed on the November ballot in 2026 or 2027. Construction could begin as soon as Spring of 2028.

### Why not save up for a new building over time?

The Town is evaluating outside funding because the Post Office Building and Alta Central/Marshals Office buildings have urgent structural problems. Delaying major repairs or replacement could increase safety risks and future costs and could compromise the Town's essential services such as police and public safety.

### How can I participate?

Please attend the March 11th Town Hall Meeting to learn more, reach out to council members with questions and comments, or contact staff. Sign up to receive notifications of Town of Alta public meetings or sign up to receive Town of Alta newsletters via the links below:

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## Which buildings are we talking about???



**Alta Central/  
Marshal's Office**



**Town Admin  
Office**



**Post Office  
Building**



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