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**CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

Investment Company Act file number 811-7362

Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

55 Water Street, New York, NY  
(Address of principal executive offices)

10041  
(Zip code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (888) 777-0102

Date of fiscal year end: November 30

Date of reporting period: November 30, 2009

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ITEM 1. REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The **Annual** Report to Stockholders is filed herewith.

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**ANNUAL REPORT / NOVEMBER 30, 2009**

**Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc.  
(MNP)**

Managed by **WESTERN ASSET**

**INVESTMENT PRODUCTS: NOT FDIC INSURED • NO BANK GUARANTEE • MAY LOSE VALUE**

## Fund objective

The Fund's primary investment objective is to seek a high level of current income which is exempt from regular federal income taxes,\* consistent with the preservation of capital. As a secondary investment objective, the Fund intends to enhance portfolio value by purchasing tax-exempt securities that, in the opinion of the investment manager, may appreciate in value relative to other similar obligations in the marketplace.

\* Certain investors may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax ( AMT ), and state and local taxes will apply. Capital gains, if any, are fully taxable. Please consult your personal tax or legal adviser.

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**Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC ( LMPFA ) is the Fund's investment manager and Western Asset Management Company ( Western Asset ) is the Fund's subadviser. LMPFA and Western Asset are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Legg Mason, Inc.**



**Letter from the chairman**

Dear Shareholder,

At a meeting held in May 2009, the Fund's Board of Directors approved a recommendation from Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC, the Fund's investment manager, to change the fiscal year-end of the Fund from December 31 to November 30. As a result of this change, shareholders are being provided with a short-period annual report and a stub-period audit for the eleven-month period from January 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009.

While the U.S. economy remained weak during much of the eleven-month reporting period ended November 30, 2009, the lengthiest recession since the Great Depression finally appeared to have ended during the third quarter of 2009.

Looking back, the U.S. Department of Commerce reported that fourth quarter 2008 U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) contracted 5.4%. Economic weakness accelerated during the first quarter of 2009, as GDP fell 6.4%. However, the economic environment started to get relatively better during the second quarter, as GDP fell 0.7%. The economy's more modest contraction was due, in part, to smaller declines in both exports and business spending. After contracting four consecutive quarters, the Commerce Department reported that third quarter 2009 GDP growth was 2.2%. A variety of factors helped the economy to expand, including the government's \$787 billion stimulus program and its Cash for Clunkers car rebate program, which helped spur an increase in car sales.

Even before GDP advanced in the third quarter, there were signs that the economy was starting to regain its footing. The manufacturing sector, as measured by the Institute for Supply Management's PMI<sup>ii</sup>, rose to 52.9 in August 2009, the first time it surpassed 50 since January 2008 (a reading below 50 indicates a contraction, whereas a reading above 50 indicates an expansion). PMI data subsequently showed that manufacturing expanded from September through November as well.

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The housing market also saw some improvement during the reporting period. According to its most recent data, the S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price

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**Letter from the chairman *continued***

Indexiii indicated that home prices rose for the fourth straight month in September. In addition, the Commerce Department reported that, during October, sales of existing homes reached their highest level in two years.

One area that remained weak and could hamper the magnitude of economic recovery was the labor market. While monthly job losses have moderated compared to earlier in the year, the unemployment rate remained elevated during the reporting period. After reaching a twenty-six-year high of 10.2% in October 2009, the unemployment rate fell to 10.0% in November. Since December 2007, the unemployment rate has more than doubled and the number of unemployed workers has risen by 8.2 million.

The Federal Reserve Board ( Fed )iv continued to pursue an accommodative monetary policy during the reporting period. After reducing the federal funds ratev from 5.25% in August 2007 to a range of 0 to 1/4 percent in December 2008 a historic low the Fed maintained this stance through the end of 2009. In conjunction with its December 2009 meeting, the Fed said that it will maintain the target range for the federal funds rate at 0 to 1/4 percent and continues to anticipate that economic conditions, including low rates of resource utilization, subdued inflation trends, and stable inflation expectations, are likely to warrant exceptionally low levels of the federal funds rate for an extended period.

Both short- and long-term Treasury yields fluctuated during the reporting period. When the period began, Treasury yields were extremely low, given numerous flights to quality that were triggered by the fallout from last year s financial crisis. After starting the period at 0.76% and 2.25%, respectively, two- and ten-year Treasury yields then generally moved higher (and their prices lower) until early June. Two- and ten-year yields peaked at 1.42% and 3.98%, respectively, before falling and ending the reporting period at 0.67% and 3.21%, respectively. Over the eleven months ended November 30, 2009, longer-term yields moved higher due to fears of future inflation given the government s massive stimulus program. In a reversal from 2008, investor risk aversion faded during the reporting period, driving spread sector (non-Treasury) prices higher.

The municipal bond market outperformed its taxable bond counterpart over the eleven months ended November 30, 2009. Over that period, the Barclays Capital Municipal Bond Indexvi and the Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Indexvii returned 12.53% and 7.61%, respectively. The municipal market was supported by strong demand, coupled with declining new issuance of tax-free bonds.

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**A special note regarding increased market volatility**

Dramatically higher volatility in the financial markets has been very challenging for many investors. Market movements have been rapid sometimes in reaction to economic news, and sometimes creating the news. In the midst of this evolving market environment, we at Legg Mason want to do everything we can to help you reach your financial goals. Now, as always, we remain committed to providing you with excellent service and a full spectrum of investment choices. Rest assured, we will continue to work hard to ensure that our investment managers make every effort to deliver strong long-term results.

We also remain committed to supplementing the support you receive from your financial advisor. One way we accomplish this is through our enhanced website, [www.leggmason.com/cef](http://www.leggmason.com/cef). Here you can gain immediate access to many special features to help guide you through difficult times, including:

- Fund prices and performance,
- Market insights and commentaries from our portfolio managers, and
- A host of educational resources.

During periods of market unrest, it is especially important to work closely with your financial advisor and remember that reaching one's investment goals unfolds over time and through multiple market cycles. Time and again, history has shown that, over the long run, the markets have eventually recovered and grown.

**Information about your fund**

Please read on for a more detailed look at prevailing economic and market conditions during the Fund's reporting period and to learn how those conditions have affected Fund performance.

Important information with regard to recent regulatory developments that may affect the Fund is contained in the Notes to Financial Statements included in this report.

**Letter from the chairman *continued***

As always, thank you for your confidence in our stewardship of your assets. We look forward to helping you meet your financial goals.

Sincerely,

**R. Jay Gerken, CFA**

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

December 24, 2009

All index performance reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes. Please note that an investor cannot invest directly in an index.

- i Gross domestic product ( GDP ) is the market value of all final goods and services produced within a country in a given period of time.
- ii The Institute for Supply Management's PMI is based on a survey of purchasing executives who buy the raw materials for manufacturing at more than 350 companies. It offers an early reading on the health of the manufacturing sector.
- iii The S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Index measures the residential housing market, tracking changes in the value of the residential real estate market in twenty metropolitan regions across the United States.
- iv The Federal Reserve Board ( Fed ) is responsible for the formulation of policies designed to promote economic growth, full employment, stable prices, and a sustainable pattern of international trade and payments.
- v The federal funds rate is the rate charged by one depository institution on an overnight sale of immediately available funds (balances at the Federal Reserve) to another depository institution; the rate may vary from depository institution to depository institution and from day to day.
- vi The Barclays Capital Municipal Bond Index is a market value weighted index of investment grade municipal bonds with maturities of one year or more.
- vii The Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Index is a broad-based bond index comprised of government, corporate, mortgage- and asset-backed issues, rated investment grade or higher, and having at least one year to maturity.

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Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc.

## Fund overview

### Q. What is the Fund's investment strategy?

A. The Fund's primary investment objective is to seek a high level of current income which is exempt from regular federal income taxes, consistent with preservation of capital. As a secondary investment objective, the Fund intends to enhance portfolio value by purchasing tax-exempt securities that, in the opinion of the Fund's investment manager, may appreciate in value relative to other similar obligations in the marketplace. Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests substantially all of its assets in a diversified portfolio of tax-exempt securities. The Fund invests primarily in tax-exempt securities that are rated investment grade at the time of purchase by at least one rating agency and that the investment manager believes do not involve undue risk to income or principal. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in securities rated below investment grade at the time of purchase. The Fund may use a variety of derivative instruments as part of its investment strategy, or for hedging or risk management purposes.

At Western Asset Management Company (Western Asset), the Fund's subadviser, we utilize a fixed-income team approach, with decisions derived from interaction among various investment management sector specialists. The sector teams are comprised of Western Asset's senior portfolio managers, research analysts and an in-house economist. Under this team approach, management of client fixed-income portfolios will reflect a consensus of interdisciplinary views within the Western Asset organization.

### Q. What were the overall market conditions during the Fund's reporting period?

A. During the eleven-month reporting period from January 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009, the fixed-income market was impacted by the fallout from the financial crisis in 2008 and the subsequent return to more normal conditions given the aggressive actions taken by the Federal Reserve Board (Fed), the U.S. Department of the Treasury and other government entities.

The yields on two- and ten-year Treasuries began the reporting period at 0.76% and 2.25%, respectively. As the reporting period began, we were in the midst of a flight to quality, triggered by the seizing credit markets. At the epicenter of the turmoil were the continued repercussions from the September 2008 bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers. During this time, investors were drawn to the relative safety of shorter-term Treasuries, causing their yields to decline, while riskier portions of the bond market performed poorly.

However, as the reporting period progressed, conditions in the credit markets improved, there were signs that the economy was stabilizing and

**Fund overview *continued***

investor risk aversion abated. This led to a strong rally in the spread sectors (non-U.S. Treasuries). Also supporting the spread sectors was strong demand from investors seeking incremental yields given the low rates available from short-term fixed-income securities.

After initially falling, Treasury yields then began to move higher as economic conditions generally improved and there were concerns regarding the massive amount of new Treasury issuance that would be needed to fund the economic stimulus package. Two- and ten-year yields peaked at 1.42% and 3.98%, respectively, in June 2009 and then generally moved lower. This was especially the case at the end of the reporting period due to some mixed economic data. At the conclusion of the reporting period, two- and ten-year Treasury yields were 0.67% and 3.21%, respectively.

While municipal bonds were not immune to the volatility in the financial markets, overall, they generated strong results during the reporting period. As the period began, there was continued uncertainty in the municipal market given heightened risk aversion, downgrades of monoline bond insurers, the seizing auction rate preferred market and forced selling by highly leveraged investors into illiquid markets. In addition, there were fears that the deepening recession would negatively impact municipalities, as they would generate less tax revenues.

Although the fundamentals in the municipal market did not significantly change, tax-free bond prices rallied during much of the reporting period. This was due, in part, to improving technical factors, including less forced selling and better liquidity. Demand for tax-free bonds also increased, as investors were drawn to their attractive yields. All told, municipal bonds generated very strong results, with the Barclays Capital Municipal Bond Index<sup>ii</sup> returning 12.53% during the reporting period.

**Q. How did we respond to these changing market conditions?**

**A.** While there were no significant changes to the Fund's positioning during the reporting period, we did make several tactical adjustments to its portfolio. We pared the Fund's exposure to the Pre-refunded<sup>iii</sup> sector, as we found more attractively valued opportunities elsewhere. We increased the Fund's overweight to the Industrial Revenue sector. We also increased the Fund's exposure to longer-term municipal securities. Overall, these moves positively contributed to performance during the reporting period.

**Performance review**

For the reporting period from January 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009, Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc. returned 28.54% based on its net asset value ( NAV ) and 39.80% based on its New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ) market price per share. The Fund 's unmanaged benchmark, the Barclays Capital Municipal Bond Index, returned 12.53% for the same period. The Lipper General Municipal Debt (Leveraged) Closed-End Funds Category Average returned 32.72% over the same time frame. Please note that Lipper performance returns are based on each fund 's NAV.

During the reporting period, the Fund made distributions to shareholders totaling \$0.64 per share. The performance table shows the Fund 's eleven-month total return based on its NAV and market price as of November 30, 2009. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

Certain investors may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax, and state and local taxes will apply. Capital gains, if any, are fully taxable. Please consult your personal tax or legal adviser.

**PERFORMANCE SNAPSHOT** as of November 30, 2009 (unaudited)

	11-MONTH TOTAL RETURN*
PRICE PER SHARE	(not annualized)
\$14.41 (NAV)	28.54%
\$12.86 (Market Price)	39.80%

**All figures represent past performance and are not a guarantee of future results.**

**\*Total returns are based on changes in NAV or market price, respectively. Total returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions in additional shares in accordance with the Fund 's Dividend Reinvestment Plan.**

**Q. What were the leading contributors to performance?**

**A.** The largest contributor to relative performance for the period was the Fund 's yield curve positioning. In particular, we were rewarded for having an overweight to the twenty-year portion of the curve and an underweight to the ten-year segment of the curve. This allocation was beneficial as longer-term bonds outperformed shorter-term bonds during the reporting period. Our futures trading strategy also contributed to performance. In particular, our use of a short position in U.S. Treasury futures contributed to results given the underperformance of the U.S. Treasury market versus the municipal market over the course of the reporting period.



**Fund overview *continued***

Elsewhere, the Fund's overweights to the Industrial Revenue and Health Care sectors enhanced results. Within the Industrial Revenue sector, the Fund's exposure to gas prepay<sup>vii</sup> securities significantly contributed to performance. These securities, which are backed by certain broker/dealers, had performed poorly during much of 2008 given the turmoil in the financial markets. However, as a number of broker/dealers changed their status to bank holding companies and government initiatives such as the Troubled Asset Relief Program ( TARP ) added confidence in the financial system, gas prepay securities rebounded sharply.

The Fund also benefited from having an underweight to State and Local General Obligation bonds. These securities are typically more economically sensitive, in that the issuing municipality repays bondholders from tax revenues. The Fund's longer duration<sup>viii</sup> than that of the benchmark also contributed, as municipal yields declined during the period.

**Q. What were the leading detractors from performance?**

**A.** Detracting from the Fund's performance was its security selection of certain Industrial Revenue bonds. While, overall, the Fund's sector overweight and gas prepay bonds enhanced its results, a number of corporate-backed bonds in the sector were drags on the Fund's performance. Security selection in the Special Tax Obligation sector also detracted from results. In particular, several holdings did not meet our expectations as they were dragged down given concerns regarding falling tax revenues due to the overall weak economic environment.

**Looking for additional information?**

The Fund is traded under the symbol MNP and its closing market price is available in most newspapers under the NYSE listings. The daily NAV is available on-line under the symbol XMNPX on most financial websites. *Barron's* and *The Wall Street Journal's* Monday edition both carry closed-end fund tables that provide additional information. In addition, the Fund issues a quarterly press release that can be found on most major financial websites, as well as [www.leggmason.com/cef](http://www.leggmason.com/cef).

In a continuing effort to provide information concerning the Fund, shareholders may call 1-888-777-0102 (toll free), Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, for the Fund's current NAV, market price and other information.

Thank you for your investment in Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc. As always, we appreciate that you have chosen us to manage your assets and we remain focused on achieving the Fund's investment goals.

Sincerely,

**Western Asset Management Company**

December 14, 2009

The information provided is not intended to be a forecast of future events, a guarantee of future results or investment advice. Views expressed may differ from those of the firm as a whole.

**RISKS:** An investment in the Fund is subject to risk, including the possible loss of the principal amount that you invest in the Fund. Diversification does not assure against market loss. Certain investors may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax, and state and local taxes will apply. Capital gains, if any, are fully taxable. As interest rates rise, bond prices fall, reducing the value of the Fund's fixed-income securities. Lower-rated, higher-yielding bonds are subject to greater credit risk than higher-rated obligations. The Fund may use derivatives, such as options and futures, which can be illiquid, may disproportionately increase losses, and have a potentially large impact on Fund performance.

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- i The Federal Reserve Board ( Fed ) is responsible for the formulation of policies designed to promote economic growth, full employment, stable prices and a sustainable pattern of international trade and payments.
- ii The Barclays Capital Municipal Bond Index is a market value weighted index of investment grade municipal bonds with maturities of one year or more.
- iii A pre-refunded bond is a bond in which the original security has been replaced by an escrow, usually consisting of treasuries or agencies, which has been structured to pay principal and interest and any call premium, either to a call date (in the case of a pre-refunded bond), or to maturity (in the case of an escrowed to maturity bond).
- iv Net asset value ( NAV ) is calculated by subtracting total liabilities and outstanding preferred stock (if any) from the closing value of all securities held by the Fund (plus all other assets) and dividing the result (total net assets) by the total number of the common shares outstanding. The NAV fluctuates with changes in the market prices of securities in which the Fund has invested. However, the price at which an investor may buy or sell shares of the Fund is the Fund's market price as determined by supply of and demand for the Fund's shares.
- v Lipper, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reuters, provides independent insight on global collective investments. Returns are based on the eleven-month period from January 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009, including the reinvestment of all distributions, including returns of capital, if any, calculated among the 57 funds in the Fund's Lipper category.
- vi The yield curve is the graphical depiction of the relationship between the yield on bonds of the same credit quality but different maturities.
- vii Gas prepay bonds are issued to enable a municipal utility to contract for a stated amount of natural gas supply over an extended period of time. The utility contracts with a natural gas supplier to purchase gas at a discount to the spot price of gas at the time of delivery. The bonds are issued to fund future purchases of the gas supplier. Bonds are repaid by the utility from gas sales to its customers, though the ratings are primarily driven by the credit strength of the financial firm that guarantees the performance of the gas supplier.
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Duration is the measure of the price sensitivity of a fixed-income security to an interest rate change of 100 basis points. Calculation is based on the weighted average of the present values for all cash flows.

**Fund at a glance (unaudited)**

**INVESTMENT BREAKDOWN (%)** As a percent of total investments



The bar graphs above represent the composition of the Fund's investments as of November 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 and do not include derivatives. The Fund is actively managed. As a result, the composition of the Fund's investments is subject to change at any time.

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## Schedule of investments

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MUNICIPAL BONDS	FACE AMOUNT 95.2%	SECURITY	VALUE
\$	2,855,000	<b>Arizona 1.8%</b> Glendale, AZ, Transportation Excise Tax Revenue, NATL, 5.000% due 7/1/28	\$ 2,990,498
	1,000,000	Phoenix, AZ, Civic Improvement Corp., Water System Revenue, 5.000% due 7/1/29	1,051,240
		<i>Total Arizona</i>	<i>4,041,738</i>
	5,000,000	<b>California 13.1%</b> California Health Facilities Finance Authority Revenue, Catholic Healthcare West, 5.625% due 7/1/32	5,079,750
	2,000,000	California Housing Finance Agency Revenue, Home Mortgage, 4.800% due 8/1/37(a)	1,588,020
	2,500,000	California State, GO: 5.250% due 10/1/21	2,597,075
	3,500,000	5.000% due 10/1/29	3,338,790
	35,000	Unrefunded Balance, 5.125% due 6/1/24	35,152
	1,500,000	California Statewide CDA Revenue, Insured Health Facility L.A., Jewish Home, CA Mortgage Insurance, 5.000% due 11/15/28	1,455,285
	5,000,000	Los Angeles, CA, Department of Water & Power Revenue, Power Systems, Subordinated, FSA, 5.000% due 7/1/35	5,038,500
	3,000,000	M-S-R Energy Authority, CA, 6.500% due 11/1/39	3,067,860
	2,000,000	Southern California Public Power Authority, Project Number 1, 5.250% due 11/1/26	1,956,060
	2,500,000	Turlock, CA, Public Financing Authority, Tax Allocation Revenue, FSA, 5.000% due 9/1/30	2,374,725
	2,620,000	University of California Revenues, AMBAC, 5.000% due 5/15/36	2,653,850
		<i>Total California</i>	<i>29,185,067</i>
	2,850,000	<b>Colorado 3.6%</b> Colorado Health Facilities Authority Revenue, Poudre Valley Health Care, 5.000% due 3/1/25	2,801,464
	495,000	Colorado Springs, CO, Hospital Revenue, 6.375% due 12/15/30(b) Public Authority for Colorado Energy, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue:	528,784
	480,000	5.750% due 11/15/18	482,650
	4,000,000	6.500% due 11/15/38	4,176,920
		<i>Total Colorado</i>	<i>7,989,818</i>
	1,000,000	<b>Connecticut 0.5%</b> Connecticut State HFA, Housing Mortgage Finance Program, 6.000% due 11/15/38	1,041,820
	3,000,000	<b>District of Columbia 1.3%</b> District of Columbia, Hospital Revenue, Childrens Hospital Obligation Group, FSA, 5.250% due 7/15/45	2,905,950
	2,000,000	<b>Florida 4.2%</b> Florida State Department of Environmental Protection, Preservation Revenue, Florida Forever, AMBAC, 5.000% due 7/1/21	2,126,880

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FACE AMOUNT	SECURITY	VALUE
	<b>Florida 4.2%<i>continued</i></b>	
\$ 4,950,000	Florida State Department of Transportation, Turnpike Revenue, FSA, 4.500% due 7/1/34	\$ 4,702,599
2,000,000	Miami-Dade County, FL, Aviation Revenue, Miami International Airport, FSA, 5.000% due 10/1/41	1,965,440
500,000	Seminole Tribe Florida Special Obligation Revenue, 5.250% due 10/1/27(c)	444,200
	<i>Total Florida</i>	<i>9,239,119</i>
	<b>Hawaii 0.9%</b>	
2,000,000	Hawaii State Airport System Revenue, FGIC, 6.000% due 7/1/19(a)	2,038,400
	<b>Illinois 12.9%</b>	
2,000,000	Chicago, IL, Midway Airport Revenue, NATL: 5.500% due 1/1/29	2,000,060
3,750,000	5.625% due 1/1/29(a)	3,562,725
5,000,000	Chicago, IL, Park District, GO, Refunding, FGIC, 5.000% due 1/1/29	5,256,250
1,000,000	Chicago, IL, Public Building Commission, Building Revenue, Chicago School Reform, FGIC, 5.250% due 12/1/18	1,132,390
1,500,000	Cook County, IL, Community College District No. 524 Moraine Valley, GO, NATL, 5.000% due 12/1/25	1,591,230
2,000,000	Illinois EFA Revenue, Northwestern University, 5.500% due 12/1/13	2,232,500
	Illinois Health Facilities Authority Revenue: Refunding:	
1,475,000	Lutheran General Health System, 7.000% due 4/1/14	1,649,817
1,850,000	SSM Health Care, NATL, 6.550% due 6/1/13(d)	2,203,146
2,000,000	Servantoor Project, FSA, 6.000% due 8/15/12(d)	2,151,100
605,000	South Suburban Hospital Project, 7.000% due 2/15/18(d)	733,260
4,145,000	Illinois Municipal Electric Agency Power Supply, FGIC, 5.250% due 2/1/28	4,335,836
1,500,000	Illinois State, GO, First Series, FSA, 5.500% due 5/1/16	1,736,130
	<i>Total Illinois</i>	<i>28,584,444</i>
	<b>Indiana 1.9%</b>	
	Indiana Bond Bank Revenue:	
715,000	5.000% due 8/1/23(b)	744,408
1,285,000	Unrefunded Balance, 5.000% due 8/1/23	1,313,219
2,390,000	Indiana Health Facility Financing Authority, Hospital Revenue, Community Hospital Project, AMBAC, 5.000% due 5/1/35	2,101,861
	<i>Total Indiana</i>	<i>4,159,488</i>
	<b>Iowa 0.5%</b>	
1,000,000	Iowa Finance Authority, Hospital Facility Revenue, 6.750% due 2/15/16(b)	1,022,500
	<b>Kansas 0.7%</b>	
1,430,000	Kansas State Development Finance Authority, Health Facilities Revenue, Sisters of Charity, 6.250% due 12/1/28	1,461,102

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FACE AMOUNT	SECURITY	VALUE
	<b>Maryland 4.7%</b>	
	Maryland State Health & Higher EFA Revenue:	
\$ 3,000,000	Carroll County General Hospital, 6.000% due 7/1/37	\$ 3,052,710
2,500,000	Suburban Hospital, 5.500% due 7/1/16	2,654,300
	University of Maryland Medical Systems:	
1,000,000	6.750% due 7/1/30(b)	1,046,100
1,000,000	6.000% due 7/1/32(b)	1,131,030
2,500,000	Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority, Solid Waste Revenue, AMBAC, 5.500% due 4/1/15(a)	2,641,950
	<i>Total Maryland</i>	<i>10,526,090</i>
	<b>Massachusetts 2.3%</b>	
1,000,000	Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority Education Loan Revenue, AGC, 6.125% due 1/1/22(a)	1,051,210
	Massachusetts State HEFA Revenue, Partners Health:	
2,405,000	5.750% due 7/1/32(b)	2,625,418
95,000	Unrefunded Balance, 5.750% due 7/1/32	97,613
355,000	Massachusetts State Water Pollution Abatement Trust Revenue, MWRA Program, Unrefunded Balance, 5.750% due 8/1/29	359,217
1,000,000	Massachusetts State Water Resources Authority, NATL, 5.000% due 8/1/34	1,042,570
	<i>Total Massachusetts</i>	<i>5,176,028</i>
	<b>Michigan 3.2%</b>	
	Michigan State, Hospital Finance Authority Revenue:	
2,000,000	McLaren Health Care Corp., 5.750% due 5/15/38	1,872,720
2,500,000	Refunding, Sparrow Hospital Obligated, 5.000% due 11/15/36	2,230,075
3,000,000	Trinity Health, 5.375% due 12/1/30	3,002,040
	<i>Total Michigan</i>	<i>7,104,835</i>
	<b>Missouri 0.8%</b>	
2,000,000	Boone County, MO, Hospital Revenue, Boone Hospital Center, 5.375% due 8/1/38	1,900,460
	<b>New Jersey 6.9%</b>	
	New Jersey EDA:	
2,500,000	Motor Vehicle Surcharges Revenue, NATL, 5.250% due 7/1/16	2,667,150
5,150,000	PCR, Revenue, Public Service Electric and Gas Co. Project, NATL, 6.400% due 5/1/32(a)	5,176,162
5,450,000	Water Facilities Revenue, New Jersey American Water Co. Inc. Project, FGIC, 6.875% due 11/1/34(a)	5,467,113
2,000,000	New Jersey State, Turnpike Authority Revenue, 5.250% due 1/1/40	2,028,760
	<i>Total New Jersey</i>	<i>15,339,185</i>
	<b>New York 11.8%</b>	
2,000,000	Liberty, NY, Development Corporation Revenue, Goldman Sachs Headquarters, 5.250% due 10/1/35	1,966,520

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## WESTERN ASSET MUNICIPAL PARTNERS FUND INC.

FACE AMOUNT	SECURITY	VALUE
	<b>New York 11.8%<i>continued</i></b>	
\$ 500,000	Nassau County, NY, Industrial Development Agency Revenue, Continuing Care Retirement, Amsterdam at Harborside, 6.700% due 1/1/43 New York City, NY: GO:	\$ 436,110
1,980,000	6.000% due 5/15/30(b)	2,051,122
20,000	Unrefunded Balance, 6.000% due 5/15/30	20,425
1,000,000	Municipal Water Finance Authority, Water & Sewer Systems Revenue, 5.125% due 6/15/31	1,015,180
4,115,000	TFA Revenue, Unrefunded Balance, Future Tax Secured, 5.500% due 11/15/17(g)	4,569,296
3,365,000	New York State Dormitory Authority Revenue, Court Facilities Lease, NYC Issue, Non State Supported Debt, AMBAC, 5.500% due 5/15/30	3,651,193
2,000,000	New York State Dormitory Authority Revenues, Non-State Supported Debt, Columbia University, 5.000% due 7/1/38	2,102,400
4,700,000	New York State Thruway Authority, Second General Highway & Bridge Trust Fund, AMBAC, 5.000% due 4/1/26	5,048,223
5,000,000	New York State Urban Development Corp. Revenue, State Personal Income Tax, 5.000% due 3/15/26	5,335,700
	<i>Total New York</i>	<i>26,196,169</i>
	<b>North Carolina 0.5%</b>	
1,200,000	North Carolina Medical Care Commission Health Care Facilities Revenue, Novant Health Obligation Group, 5.000% due 11/1/39	1,167,276
	<b>Ohio 0.5%</b>	
1,000,000	Ohio State Air Quality Development Authority Revenue,, FirstEnergy Generation Corp., 5.700% due 8/1/20	1,065,750
	<b>Oregon 0.6%</b>	
1,250,000	Multnomah County, OR, Hospital Facilities Authority Revenue, Providence Health Systems, 5.250% due 10/1/18	1,337,163
	<b>Pennsylvania 1.5%</b>	
2,685,000	Philadelphia, PA: Gas Works Revenue, 7th General Ordinance, AMBAC, 5.000% due 10/1/17	2,783,352
500,000	School District, GO, FSA, 5.500% due 2/1/31(b)	550,585
	<i>Total Pennsylvania</i>	<i>3,333,937</i>
	<b>Tennessee 2.1%</b>	
4,700,000	Memphis-Shelby County, TN, Airport Authority Revenue, AMBAC, 6.000% due 3/1/24(a)	4,757,951
	<b>Texas 14.0%</b>	
5,000,000	Aledo, TX, GO, ISD, School Building, PSF, 5.000% due 2/15/30	5,220,400
2,500,000	Austin, TX, Water & Wastewater System Revenue: 5.000% due 11/15/26	2,678,050
2,210,000	5.125% due 11/15/28	2,367,374

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## WESTERN ASSET MUNICIPAL PARTNERS FUND INC.

	FACE AMOUNT	SECURITY	VALUE
\$	1,100,000	<b>Texas 14.0%<i>continued</i></b> Beaumont, TX, ISD, GO, School Building, PSF, 5.000% due 2/15/33	\$ 1,142,339
	4,750,000	Brazos River, TX, Harbor Navigation District, Brazoria County Environmental, Dow Chemical Co. Project, 5.950% due 5/15/33(a)(e)	4,632,675
	2,960,000	Harris County, TX, Health Facilities Development Corp., Hospital Revenue, Memorial Hermann Healthcare Systems, 5.250% due 12/1/18	3,062,327
	3,000,000	Houston, TX, Utility System Revenue, Refunding, Combined First Lien, FSA, 5.250% due 5/15/20	3,241,500
	1,000,000	Mesquite, TX, ISD No. 1, GO, Capital Appreciation, PSFG, zero coupon bond to yield 5.169% due 8/15/27	413,010
	2,500,000	North Texas Tollway Authority Revenue, 5.750% due 1/1/40	2,533,700
	1,000,000	Spring, Tex, ISD, GO, SchoolHouse, PSF, 5.000% due 8/15/23	1,114,790
	5,000,000	Texas State Turnpike Authority Revenue, First Tier, AMBAC, 5.500% due 8/15/39	4,836,300
		<i>Total Texas</i>	<i>31,242,465</i>
	2,915,000	<b>Virginia 1.4%</b> Greater Richmond, VA, Convention Center Authority, Hotel Tax Revenue, Convention Center Expansion Project, 6.125% due 6/15/20(b)	3,034,836
	2,900,000	<b>Washington 3.5%</b> Chelan County, WA, Public Utility District, Chelan Hydro System No.1, Construction Revenue, AMBAC, 5.450% due 7/1/37(a)	2,831,154
	2,000,000	Port of Seattle, WA, Revenue, Refunding, Intermediate Lien, NATL, 5.000% due 3/1/30	2,040,500
	3,000,000	Washington State Health Care Facilities Authority Revenue, PeaceHealth, 5.000% due 11/1/28	2,935,260
		<i>Total Washington</i>	<i>7,806,914</i>
		TOTAL INVESTMENTS BEFORE SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS (Cost \$207,988,954)	211,658,505
SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS 4.8%	1,000,000	<b>California 2.8%</b> California State Department of Water Resources, Power Supply Revenue, LOC-BNP Paribas, 0.220%, 12/1/09(f)	1,000,000
	700,000	California State, GO, Kindergarten-University, LOC-Citibank N.A., 0.190%, 12/1/09(f)	700,000
	4,600,000	Southern California Public Power Authority Project Revenue, LOC-KBC Bank N.V., 0.230%, 12/2/09(f)	4,600,000
		<i>Total California</i>	<i>6,300,000</i>
	100,000	<b>Massachusetts 0.5%</b> Massachusetts State, HEFA Revenue, Museum of Fine Arts, SPA-Bank of America N.A., 0.210%, 12/1/09(f)	100,000
	1,000,000	Massachusetts State DFA Revenue, Boston University, LOC-Allied Irish Bank PLC, 0.210%, 12/1/09(f)	1,000,000
		<i>Total Massachusetts</i>	<i>1,100,000</i>

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## WESTERN ASSET MUNICIPAL PARTNERS FUND INC.

FACE AMOUNT	SECURITY	VALUE
	<b>New Jersey 0.5%</b>	
\$ 1,100,000	New Jersey EDA, Gas Facilities Revenue, Pivotal Utility Holdings Inc., LOC-Wells Fargo Bank N.A., 0.170%, 12/1/09(f)	\$ 1,100,000
	<b>New York 0.5%</b>	
1,100,000	New York City, NY, GO, Subordinated, FSA, SPA-Dexia Credit Local, 0.210%, 12/1/09(f)	1,100,000
	<b>Oregon 0.4%</b>	
900,000	Oregon State GO, Veterans Welfare, SPA-Dexia Credit Local, 0.280%, 12/2/09(f)	900,000
	<b>Puerto Rico 0.1%</b>	
200,000	Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, GO, Public Improvements, FSA, SPA-Dexia Credit Local, 0.170%, 12/1/09(f)	200,000
	TOTAL SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS (Cost \$10,700,000)	10,700,000
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS 100.0% (Cost \$218,688,954#)	\$ 222,358,505

- (a) Income from this issue is considered a preference item for purposes of calculating the alternative minimum tax ( AMT ).
- (b) Pre-Refunded bonds are escrowed with U.S. government obligations and/or U.S. government agency securities and are considered by the manager to be triple-A rated even if issuer has not applied for new ratings.
- (c) Security is exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. This security may be resold in transactions that are exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. This security has been deemed liquid pursuant to guidelines approved by the Board of Directors, unless otherwise noted.
- (d) Bonds are escrowed to maturity by government securities and/or U.S. government agency securities and are considered by the manager to be triple-A rated even if issuer has not applied for new ratings.
- (e) Variable rate security. Interest rate disclosed is that which is in effect at November 30, 2009.
- (f) Variable rate demand obligations have a demand feature under which the Fund can tender them back to the issuer or liquidity provider on no more than 7 days notice. Date shown is the date of the next interest rate change.
- (g) All or a portion of this security is held at the broker as collateral for futures contracts.
- # Aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes is \$218,663,206.

Abbreviations used in this schedule:

AGC	Assured Guaranty Corporation Insured Bonds
AMBAC	American Municipal Bond Assurance Corporation Insured Bonds
CDA	Community Development Authority
DFA	Development Finance Agency
EDA	Economic Development Authority
EFA	Educational Facilities Authority
FGIC	Financial Guaranty Insurance Company Insured Bonds
FSA	Financial Security Assurance Insured Bonds
GO	General Obligation
HEFA	Health & Educational Facilities Authority
HFA	Housing Finance Authority
ISD	Independent School District
LOC	Letter of Credit
MWRA	Massachusetts Water Resources Authority
NATL	National Public Finance Guarantee Corporation Insured Bonds

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PCR	Pollution Control Revenue
PSF	Permanent School Fund
PSFG	Permanent School Fund Guaranty
SPA	Standby Bond Purchase Agreement    Insured Bonds
TFA	Transitional Finance Authority

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**WESTERN ASSET MUNICIPAL PARTNERS FUND INC.**

**SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS BY INDUSTRY\***

Health care	18.5%
Transportation	13.7
Industrial revenue	9.8
Water & sewer	9.3
Special tax obligation	9.1
Power	8.4
Local general obligation	8.2
Pre-refunded/escrowed to maturity	8.0
Education	3.8
Leasing	2.2
State general obligation	2.0
Housing	1.2
Solid waste/resource recovery	1.0
Short-term investments	4.8
	100.0%

\* As a percentage of total investments. Please note that Fund holdings are as of November 30, 2009 and are subject to change.

**RATINGS TABLE (unaudited)**

<b>S&amp;P/Moody s/Fitch</b>	
AAA/Aaa	27.5%
AA/Aa	25.0
A	33.9
BBB/Baa	6.2
A-1/VMIG 1	4.8
NR	2.6
	100.0%

As a percentage of total investments.

In the event that a security is rated by multiple nationally recognized statistical rating organizations ( NRSROs ) and receives different ratings, the Fund will treat the security as being rated in the highest rating category received from an NRSRO.

See pages 14 and 15 for definitions of ratings.

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**Bond ratings (unaudited)**

The definitions of the applicable rating symbols are set forth below:

*Standard & Poor's Ratings Service (Standard & Poor's)* Ratings from AA to CCC may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standings within the major rating categories.

AAA	Bonds rated AAA have the highest rating assigned by Standard & Poor's. Capacity to pay interest and repay principal is extremely strong.
AA	Bonds rated AA have a very strong capacity to pay interest and repay principal and differ from the highest rated issues only in a small degree.
A	Bonds rated A have a strong capacity to pay interest and repay principal although they are somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than debt in higher rated categories.
BBB	Bonds rated BBB are regarded as having an adequate capacity to pay interest and repay principal. Whereas they normally exhibit adequate protection parameters, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity to pay interest and repay principal for bonds in this category than in higher rated categories.
BB, B, CCC, CC and C	Bonds rated BB, B, CCC, CC and C are regarded, on balance, as predominantly speculative with respect to capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the obligation. BB represents the lowest degree of speculation and C the highest degree of speculation. While such bonds will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these are outweighed by large uncertainties or major risk exposures to adverse conditions.
D	Bonds rated D are in default and payment of interest and/or repayment of principal is in arrears.

*Moody's Investors Service (Moody's)* Numerical modifiers 1, 2 and 3 may be applied to each generic rating from Aa to Caa, where 1 is the highest and 3 the lowest ranking within its generic category.

Aaa	Bonds rated Aaa are judged to be of the best quality. They carry the smallest degree of investment risk and are generally referred to as gilt edge. Interest payments are protected by a large or by an exceptionally stable margin and principal is secure. While the various protective elements are likely to change, such changes can be visualized as most unlikely to impair the fundamentally strong position of such issues.
Aa	Bonds rated Aa are judged to be of high quality by all standards. Together with the Aaa group they comprise what are generally known as high grade bonds. They are rated lower than the best bonds because margins of protection may not be as large as in Aaa securities or fluctuation of protective elements may be of greater amplitude or there may be other elements present which make the long-term risks appear somewhat larger than in Aaa securities.
A	Bonds rated A possess many favorable investment attributes and are to be considered as upper medium grade obligations. Factors giving security to principal and interest are considered adequate but elements may be present which suggest a susceptibility to impairment some time in the future.
Baa	Bonds rated Baa are considered as medium grade obligations, i.e., they are neither highly protected nor poorly secured. Interest payments and principal security appear adequate for the present but certain protective elements may be lacking or may be characteristically unreliable over any great length of time. Such bonds lack outstanding investment characteristics and in fact have speculative characteristics as well.
Ba	Bonds rated Ba are judged to have speculative elements; their future cannot be considered as well assured. Often the protection of interest and principal payments may be very moderate and therefore not well safeguarded during both good and bad times over the future. Uncertainty of position characterizes bonds in this class.
B	Bonds rated B generally lack characteristics of desirable investments. Assurance of interest and principal payments or of maintenance of other terms of the contract over any long period of time may be small.

Caa	Bonds rated Caa are of poor standing. These may be in default, or present elements of danger may exist with respect to principal or interest.
Ca	Bonds rated Ca represent obligations which are speculative in a high degree. Such issues are often in default or have other marked short-comings.
C	Bonds rated C are the lowest class of bonds and issues so rated can be regarded as having extremely poor prospects of ever attaining any real investment standing.

*Fitch Ratings Service ( Fitch )* Ratings from AA to CCC may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standings within the major rating categories.

AAA	Bonds rated AAA have the highest rating assigned by Fitch. Capacity to pay interest and repay principal is extremely strong.
AA	Bonds rated AA have a very strong capacity to pay interest and repay principal and differ from the highest rated issues only in a small degree.
A	Bonds rated A have a strong capacity to pay interest and repay principal although they are somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than debt in higher rated categories.
BBB	Bonds rated BBB are regarded as having an adequate capacity to pay interest and repay principal. Whereas they normally exhibit adequate protection parameters, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity to pay interest and repay principal for bonds in this category than in higher rated categories.
BB, B, CCC and CC	Bonds rated BB , B , CCC and CC are regarded, on balance, as predominantly speculative with respect to capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the obligation. BB represents a lower degree of speculation than B , and CC the highest degree of speculation. While such bonds will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these are outweighed by large uncertainties or major risk exposures to adverse conditions.
NR	Indicates that the bond is not rated by Standard & Poor s, Moody s or Fitch.

**Short-term security ratings (unaudited)**

SP-1	Standard & Poor s highest rating indicating very strong or strong capacity to pay principal and interest; those issues determined to possess overwhelming safety characteristics are denoted with a plus (+) sign.
A-1	Standard & Poor s highest commercial paper and variable-rate demand obligation (VRDO) rating indicating that the degree of safety regarding timely payment is either overwhelming or very strong; those issues determined to possess overwhelming safety characteristics are denoted with a plus (+) sign.
VMIG 1	Moody s highest rating for issues having a demand feature VRDO.
MIG 1	Moody s highest rating for short-term municipal obligations.
P-1	Moody s highest rating for commercial paper and for VRDO prior to the advent of the VMIG 1 rating.
F1	Fitch s highest rating indicating the strongest capacity for timely payment of financial commitments; those issues determined to possess overwhelming strong credit feature are denoted with a plus (+) sign.

**Statement of assets and liabilities**

**November 30, 2009**

<b>ASSETS:</b>	
Investments, at value (Cost \$218,688,954)	\$ 222,358,505
Interest receivable	2,964,371
Prepaid expenses	20,847
<i>Total Assets</i>	<i>225,343,723</i>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>	
Investment management fee payable	101,843
Due to custodian	10,112
Directors' fees payable	8,438
Distributions payable to Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stockholders	6,382
Accrued expenses	134,465
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<i>261,240</i>
Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stock (1,700 shares authorized and issued at \$50,000 per share) (Note 5)	85,000,000
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 140,082,483</b>
<b>NET ASSETS:</b>	
Par value (\$0.001 par value; 9,719,063 shares issued and outstanding; 100,000,000 shares authorized)	\$ 9,719
Paid-in capital in excess of par value	135,567,168
Undistributed net investment income	2,683,567
Accumulated net realized loss on investments and futures contracts	(1,847,522)
Net unrealized appreciation on investments	3,669,551
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 140,082,483</b>
<b>Shares Outstanding</b>	<b>9,719,063</b>
<b>Net Asset Value</b>	<b>\$14.41</b>

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**Statements of operations**

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2009 AND THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008	2009	2008
INVESTMENT INCOME:		
Interest	\$10,360,489	\$11,217,926
EXPENSES:		
Investment management fee (Note 2)	1,090,502	1,224,554
Auction participation fees (Note 5)	196,049	227,298
Audit and tax	109,613	135,638
Directors fees	66,250	54,631
Legal fees	65,253	163,700
Shareholder reports	33,080	106,040
Transfer agent fees	31,084	45,548
Stock exchange listing fees	31,038	37,439
Insurance	6,754	6,867
Custody fees	6,451	1,599
Miscellaneous expenses	18,428	28,308
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>1,654,502</i>	<i>2,031,622</i>
Less: Compensating balance agreements (Note 1)		(123)
<i>Net Expenses</i>	<i>1,654,502</i>	<i>2,031,499</i>
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	8,705,987	9,186,427
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS, FUTURES CONTRACTS AND SWAP CONTRACTS (NOTES 1, 3 AND 4):		
Net Realized Loss From:		
Investment transactions	(537,153)	(873,657)
Futures contracts	(390,304)	(71,134)
Swap contracts		(30,000)
<i>Net Realized Loss</i>	<i>(927,457)</i>	<i>(974,791)</i>
Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation From:		
Investments	22,775,552	(24,228,687)
Futures contracts	2,034,313	(2,034,313)
<i>Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation</i>	<i>24,809,865</i>	<i>(26,263,000)</i>
NET GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS, FUTURES CONTRACTS AND SWAP CONTRACTS	23,882,408	(27,237,791)
Distributions Paid to Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stockholders from (Notes 1 and 5):		
Net investment income	(472,187)	(2,779,113)
Net realized gains		(191,771)
Total Distributions Paid to Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stockholders	(472,187)	(2,970,884)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS	\$32,116,208	\$(21,022,248)

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**Statements of changes in net assets**

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2009

AND THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

OPERATIONS:

	2009	2008	2007
Net investment income	\$ 8,705,987	\$ 9,186,427	\$ 6,734,639
Net realized gain (loss)	(927,457)	(974,791)	909,927
Change in net unrealized appreciation/depreciation	24,809,865	(26,263,000)	(1,381,509)
Distributions Paid to Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stockholders From:			
Net investment income	(472,187)	(2,779,113)	(2,339,781)
Net realized gains		(191,771)	(63,021)
<i>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets From Operations</i>	<i>32,116,208</i>	<i>(21,022,248)</i>	<i>3,860,255</i>
DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM (NOTE 1):			
Net investment income	(6,220,200)	(6,037,394)	(4,529,062)
Net realized gains		(374,759)	(130,596)
<i>Decrease in Net Assets From Distributions to Common Shareholders</i>	<i>(6,220,200)</i>	<i>(6,412,153)</i>	<i>(4,659,658)</i>
FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS:			
Cost of tendered shares (0, 1,049,983 and 259,070 tendered shares, respectively) (Note 8)		(15,048,949)	(3,735,789)
Net assets of shares issued in connection with merger (Note 6)			84,576,172
<i>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets From Fund Share Transactions</i>		<i>(15,048,949)</i>	<i>80,840,383</i>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	25,896,008	(42,483,350)	80,040,980
NET ASSETS:			
Beginning of period	114,186,475	156,669,825	76,628,845
End of period*	\$ 140,082,483	\$ 114,186,475	\$ 156,669,825
* Includes undistributed net investment income of:	\$2,683,567	\$689,045	\$333,344

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**Financial highlights****FOR A SHARE OF CAPITAL STOCK OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT EACH YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED:**

	2009 <sup>1,2</sup>	2008 <sup>2,3</sup>	2007 <sup>2,3</sup>	2006 <sup>2,3</sup>	2005 <sup>3</sup>	2004 <sup>3</sup>
NET ASSET VALUE, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$11.75	\$14.55	\$14.79	\$14.89	\$15.33	\$15.52
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS:						
Net investment income	0.90	0.93	0.89	0.90	0.92	0.93
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	2.45	(2.81)	(0.20)	(0.01)	(0.32)	(0.12)
Distributions paid to auction rate cumulative preferred stockholders from:						
Net investment income	(0.05)	(0.29)	(0.31)	(0.25)	(0.17)	(0.08)
Net realized gains		(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.00) <sup>4</sup>	(0.00) <sup>4</sup>	(0.01)
<i>Total income (loss) from operations</i>	<i>3.30</i>	<i>(2.19)</i>	<i>0.37</i>	<i>0.64</i>	<i>0.43</i>	<i>0.72</i>
DISTRIBUTIONS PAID TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS FROM:						
Net investment income	(0.64)	(0.60)	(0.62)	(0.77)	(0.84)	(0.84)
Net realized gains		(0.04)	(0.01)	(0.00) <sup>4</sup>	(0.03)	(0.07)
<i>Total distributions paid to common stock shareholders</i>	<i>(0.64)</i>	<i>(0.64)</i>	<i>(0.63)</i>	<i>(0.77)</i>	<i>(0.87)</i>	<i>(0.91)</i>
<i>Increase in Net Asset Value due to shares repurchased in tender offer</i>		<i>0.03</i>	<i>0.02</i>	<i>0.03</i>		
NET ASSET VALUE, END OF PERIOD	\$14.41	\$11.75	\$14.55	\$14.79	\$14.89	\$15.33
MARKET PRICE, END OF PERIOD	\$12.86	\$9.69	\$13.24	\$14.19	\$13.60	\$13.45
<i>Total return based on NAV<sup>5,6</sup></i>	<i>28.54%</i>	<i>(15.35)%</i>	<i>2.74%</i>	<i>4.68%</i>	<i>2.85%</i>	<i>4.82%</i>
<i>Total return, based on Market Price<sup>6</sup></i>	<i>39.80%</i>	<i>(22.67)%</i>	<i>(2.22)%</i>	<i>10.22%</i>	<i>7.64%</i>	<i>2.68%</i>
NET ASSETS, END OF PERIOD (000s)	\$140,082	\$114,186	\$156,670	\$76,629	\$85,727	\$88,262
RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS: <sup>7</sup>						
Gross expenses	1.37% <sup>8</sup>	1.48%	1.48% <sup>9</sup>	1.41%	1.30%	1.32%
Net expenses	1.378	1.4810	1.489	1.4111	1.30	1.32
Net investment income	7.238	6.67	6.15	6.09	6.07	6.05
PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATE	18%	46%	47%	18%	40%	38%
AUCTION RATE CUMULATIVE PREFERRED STOCK:						
Total amount outstanding (000s)	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Asset coverage per share	132,401	117,169	142,159	145,786	157,159	160,328
Involuntary liquidating preference per share <sup>12</sup>	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000

1 For the period January 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009.

2 Per share amounts have been calculated using the average shares method.

3 For the year ended December 31.

4 Amount represents less than \$0.01 per share.

5 Performance figures may reflect fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements. In the absence of fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, the total return would have been lower. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.

6 The total return calculation assumes that distributions are reinvested in accordance with the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.

7 Ratios calculated on the basis of income and expenses relative to the average net assets of common shares and excludes the effect of dividend payments to preferred stockholders.

8 Annualized.

9 Included in the expense ratios are certain non-recurring restructuring (and reorganization, if applicable) fees that were incurred by the Fund during the period. Without these fees, the gross and net expense ratios would both have been 1.25%.

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10 The impact to the expense ratio was less than 0.01% as a result of compensating balance agreements.

11 Reflects fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements.

12 Excludes accumulated and unpaid distributions.

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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## Notes to financial statements

### 1. Organization and significant accounting policies

Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc. (the Fund) was incorporated in Maryland on November 24, 1992 and is registered as a diversified, closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). The Board of Directors authorized 100 million shares of \$0.001 par value common stock. The Fund's primary investment objective is to seek a high level of current income which is exempt from federal income taxes, consistent with the preservation of capital. As a secondary investment objective, the Fund intends to enhance portfolio value by purchasing tax exempt securities that, in the opinion of the investment manager, may appreciate in value relative to other similar obligations in the marketplace.

The following are significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund and are in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Estimates and assumptions are required to be made regarding assets, liabilities and changes in net assets resulting from operations when financial statements are prepared. Changes in the economic environment, financial markets and any other parameters used in determining these estimates could cause actual results to differ. Subsequent events have been evaluated through January 19, 2010, the issuance date of the financial statements.

**(a) Investment valuation.** Securities are valued based on transactions in municipal obligation, quotations from municipal bond dealers, market transaction in comparable securities and various other relationships between securities. Futures contracts are valued daily at the settlement price established by the board of trade or exchange on which they are traded. When prices are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect fair value, the Fund values these securities at fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Directors. Short-term obligations with maturities of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

The Fund has adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board Codification Topic 820 (formerly, Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157) (ASC Topic 820). ASC Topic 820 establishes a single definition of fair value, creates a three-tier hierarchy as a framework for measuring fair value based on inputs used to value the Fund's investments, and requires additional disclosure about fair value. The hierarchy of inputs is summarized below.

- Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical investments
- Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.



The Fund uses valuation techniques to measure fair value that are consistent with the market approach and/or income approach, depending on the type of the security and the particular circumstance. The market approach uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable securities. The income approach uses valuation techniques to convert future amounts to a single present amount.

The following is a summary of the inputs used in valuing the Fund's assets carried at fair value:

DESCRIPTION	QUOTED PRICES (LEVEL 1)	OTHER SIGNIFICANT OBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 2)	SIGNIFICANT UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 3)	TOTAL
Municipal bonds		\$211,658,505		\$211,658,505
Short-term investments		10,700,000		10,700,000
Total investments		\$222,358,505		\$222,358,505

See Schedule of Investments for additional detailed categorizations.

**(b) Futures contracts.** The Fund may use futures contracts to gain exposure to, or hedge against, changes in the value of interest rates. A futures contract represents a commitment for the future purchase or sale of an asset at a specified price on a specified date.

Upon entering into a futures contract, the Fund is required to deposit cash or cash equivalents with a broker in an amount equal to a certain percentage of the contract amount. This is known as the initial margin and subsequent payments (variation margin) are made or received by the Fund each day, depending on the daily fluctuation in the value of the contract. The daily changes in contract value are recorded as unrealized gains or losses in the Statement of Operations and the Fund recognizes a realized gain or loss when the contract is closed.

Futures contracts involve, to varying degrees, risk of loss in excess of the amounts reflected in the financial statements. In addition, there is the risk that the Fund may not be able to enter into a closing transaction because of an illiquid secondary market.

**(c) Swap agreements.** The Fund may invest in swaps for the purpose of managing its exposure to interest rate, credit or market risk, or for other purposes. The use of swaps involves risks that are different from those associated with ordinary portfolio transactions.

Swap contracts are marked to market daily and changes in value are recorded as unrealized appreciation/(depreciation). Gains or losses are realized upon termination of the swap agreement. Periodic payments and premiums received or made by the Fund are recognized in the Statement of Operations as realized gains or losses, respectively. Collateral, in the form of restricted cash or

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securities, may be required to be held in segregated accounts with the Fund's custodian in compliance with the terms of the swap contracts. Securities held as collateral for swap contracts are identified in the Schedule of Investments and restricted cash, if any, is identified on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Risks may exceed amounts recorded in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. These risks include changes in the returns of the underlying instruments, failure of the counterparties to perform under the contracts' terms, and the possible lack of liquidity with respect to the swap agreements.

Payments received or made at the beginning of the measurement period are reflected as a premium or deposit, respectively, on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. These upfront payments are amortized over the life of the swap and are recognized as realized gain or loss in the Statement of Operations. A liquidation payment received or made at the termination of the swap is recognized as realized gain or loss in the Statement of Operations. Net periodic payments received or paid by the Fund are recognized as realized gain or loss at the time of receipt or payment in the Statement of Operations.

**(d) Concentration of credit risk.** Since the Fund invests a portion of its assets in issuers located in a single state, it may be affected by economic and political developments in a specific state or region. Certain debt obligations held by the Fund are entitled to the benefit of insurance, standby letters of credit or other guarantees of banks or other financial institutions.

**(e) Security transactions and investment income.** Security transactions are accounted for on a trade date basis. Interest income, adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of discount, is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. The cost of investments sold is determined by use of the specific identification method. To the extent any issuer defaults or credit event occurs by the issuer, the Fund may halt any additional interest income accruals and consider the realizability of interest accrued up to the date of default or credit event.

**(f) Distributions to shareholders.** Distributions from net investment income for the Fund, if any, are declared quarterly and paid on a monthly basis. The Fund intends to satisfy conditions that will enable interest from municipal securities, which is exempt from federal and certain state income taxes, to retain such tax-exempt status when distributed to the shareholders of the Fund. Distributions of net realized gains, if any, are taxable and are declared at least annually. Distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date and are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP. Distributions to preferred shareholders are accrued and paid on a weekly basis and are determined as described in Note 5.

**(g) Compensating balance agreements.** The Fund has an arrangement with its custodian bank whereby a portion of the custodian's fees is paid indirectly by credits earned on the Fund's cash deposit with the bank. The amount is shown as a reduction of expenses in the Statement of Operations.

**(h) Federal and other taxes.** It is the Fund's policy to comply with the federal income and excise tax requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code) as amended, applicable to regulated investment companies. Accordingly, the Fund intends to distribute its taxable income and net realized gains, if any, to shareholders each year in accordance with the timing requirements imposed by the Code. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required in the Fund's financial statements.

Management has analyzed the Fund's tax positions taken on federal income tax returns for all open tax years and has concluded that as of November 30, 2009, no provision for federal income tax is required in the Fund's financial statements. The Fund's federal and state income and federal excise tax returns for tax years for which the applicable statutes of limitations have not expired are subject to examination by Internal Revenue Service and state departments of revenue.

**(i) Reclassification.** GAAP requires that certain components of net assets be adjusted to reflect permanent differences between financial and tax reporting. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets or net asset values per share. During the current period, the following reclassifications have been made:

	UNDISTRIBUTED NET INVESTMENT INCOME	ACCUMULATED NET REALIZED LOSS
(a)	\$(19,078)	\$19,078
(a)	Reclassifications are primarily due to differences between book and tax accretion of market discount on fixed income securities.	

## 2. Investment management agreement and other transactions with affiliates

Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC (LMPFA) is the Fund's investment manager and Western Asset Management Company (Western Asset) is the Fund's subadviser. LMPFA and Western Asset are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Legg Mason, Inc. (Legg Mason).

LMPFA provides administrative and certain oversight services to the Fund. The Fund pays LMPFA an investment management fee, calculated daily and paid monthly, at an annual rate of 0.55% of the Fund's average weekly net assets. For purposes of calculating this fee, the liquidation value of any outstanding preferred stock of the Fund is not deducted in determining the Fund's net assets.

LMPFA has delegated to Western Asset the day-to-day portfolio management of the Fund. For its services, LMPFA pays Western Asset 70% of the net management fee it receives from the Fund.

Certain officers and one Director of the Fund are employees of Legg Mason or its affiliates and do not receive compensation from the Fund.



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**3. Investments**

For the period January 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009, the aggregate cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investments (excluding short-term investments) were as follows:

Purchases	\$36,992,407
Sales	39,016,950

At November 30, 2009, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments for federal income tax purposes were as follows:

Gross unrealized appreciation	\$ 6,575,198
Gross unrealized depreciation	(2,879,899)
Net unrealized appreciation	\$ 3,695,299

**4. Derivative instruments and hedging activities**

Financial Accounting Standards Board Codification Topic 815 (formerly, Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 161) ( ASC Topic 815 ) requires enhanced disclosure about an entity's derivative and hedging activities.

The following tables provide information about the effect of derivatives and hedging activities on the Fund's Statement of Operations for the period January 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009. The first table provides additional detail about the amounts and sources of gains/(losses) realized on derivatives during the period. The second table provides additional information about the changes in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) resulting from the Fund's derivatives and hedging activities during the period.

**AMOUNT OF REALIZED GAIN OR (LOSS) ON DERIVATIVES RECOGNIZED**

	INTEREST RATE CONTRACTS RISK	OTHER CONTRACTS RISK	TOTAL
Futures contracts	\$(390,304)		\$(390,304)

**CHANGE IN UNREALIZED APPRECIATION/DEPRECIATION ON DERIVATIVES RECOGNIZED**

	INTEREST RATE CONTRACTS RISK	OTHER CONTRACTS RISK	TOTAL
Futures contracts	\$2,034,313		\$2,034,313

At November 30, 2009, the Fund did not have any derivative instruments outstanding. During the period January 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009, the Fund had an average market value of \$5,336,328 in futures contracts to sell.

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## 5. Auction rate preferred stock

On April 2, 1993, the Fund closed its public offering of 800 shares of \$0.001 par value Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series M ( Preferred Stock ), at an offering price of \$50,000 per share. On July 20, 2007, the Fund acquired the Preferred Stock of Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund II Inc. On October 1, 1993, Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund II Inc. closed its public offering of 900 shares of \$0.001 par value Preferred Stock at an offering price of \$50,000 per share. Thus, the Fund now has 1,700 shares of Preferred Stock outstanding. The Preferred Stock has a liquidation preference of \$50,000 per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends (whether or not earned or declared) and subject to certain restrictions, are redeemable in whole or in part.

Dividend rates generally reset every 7 days and are determined by auction procedures. The dividend rate cannot exceed a certain maximum rate, including in the event of a failed auction. The maximum rate is calculated using the higher of 110% of the taxable equivalent of the short-term municipal bond rate and 110% of the prevailing 30 day AA commercial paper rate. The Fund may pay higher maximum rates if the rating of the Fund's Preferred Stock were to be lowered by the rating agencies. To the extent capital gains and other taxable income are allocated to holders of Preferred Shares for tax purposes, the Fund will likely have to pay higher dividends to holders of Preferred Shares to compensate them for the increased tax liability to them resulting from such allocation. Due to failed auctions experienced by the Fund's Preferred Stock starting on February 15, 2008, the Fund pays the applicable maximum rate. The dividend rates ranged from 1.142% to 11.347% during the year ended December 31, 2008 and from 0.381% to 1.432% during the period ended November 30, 2009. The weighted average dividend rates for the year ended December 31, 2008 and the period ended November 30, 2009 were 3.495% and 0.607%, respectively. At December 31, 2008 and at November 30, 2009 the dividend rates were 1.432% and 0.457%, respectively.

After each auction, the auction agent will pay to each broker/dealer, from monies the Fund provides, a participation fee. For the period of the report and for all previous periods since the ARCPS have been outstanding, the participation fee has been paid at the annual rate of 0.25% of the purchase price of the ARCPS that the broker/dealer places at the auction. However, on August 3, 2009, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. ( CGM ) reduced its participation fee to an annual rate of 0.05% of the purchase price of the ARCPS, in the case of a failed auction. For the period January 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009, the Fund paid \$196,049 to participating broker/dealers.

The Fund is subject to certain restrictions relating to the Preferred Stock. The Fund may not declare dividends or make other distributions on shares of common stock or purchase any such shares if, at the time of the declaration, distribution or purchase, asset coverage with respect to the outstanding Preferred Stock would be less than 200%. The Preferred Stock is also subject to

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mandatory redemption at \$50,000 per share plus any accumulated or unpaid dividends, whether or not declared, if certain requirements relating to the composition of the assets and liabilities of the Fund as set forth in its Articles Supplementary are not satisfied.

The Preferred Stock Shareholders are entitled to one vote per share and generally vote with the common shareholders but vote separately as a class to elect two directors and on certain matters affecting the rights of the Preferred Stock. The issuance of Preferred Stock poses certain risks to holders of common stock, including, among others, the possibility of greater market price volatility, and in certain market conditions, the yield to holders of common stock may be adversely affected. The Fund is required to maintain certain asset coverages with respect to the Preferred Stock. If the Fund fails to maintain these coverages and does not cure any such failure within the required time period, the Fund is required to redeem a requisite number of shares of the Preferred Stock in order to meet the applicable requirement. The Preferred Stock is otherwise not redeemable by holders of the shares. Additionally, failure to meet the foregoing asset coverage requirements would restrict the Fund's ability to pay dividends to common shareholders.

**6. Transfer of net assets**

On July 20, 2007, the Fund acquired the assets and liabilities of Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund II Inc. (the Acquired Fund), pursuant to a plan of reorganization approved by shareholders of the Acquired Fund. Total shares issued by the Fund and the total net assets of the Acquired Fund on the date of the transfer were as follows:

ACQUIRED FUND	SHARES ISSUED BY THE FUND	TOTAL NET ASSETS OF THE ACQUIRED FUND
Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund II Inc.	5,846,732	\$84,576,172

Total net assets of the Fund before the organization were \$71,203,522.

As Part of the organization, shareholders of Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund II Inc. received 0.973323 shares.

The total net assets of the Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund II Inc. before acquisition included unrealized appreciation of \$1,531,932 and accumulated net realized loss of \$100,148. Total net assets of the Fund immediately after the transfer were \$155,779,694. The transaction was structured to qualify as a tax-free reorganization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

**7. Distributions subsequent to November 30, 2009**

**Common Stock Distributions.** On November 16, 2009, the Board of Directors of the Fund declared three common stock distributions from net investment income in the amount of \$0.065 per share, payable on December 28, 2009,

January 29, 2010 and February 26, 2010 to shareholders of record on December 18, 2009, January 22, 2010 and February 19, 2010, respectively.

## 8. Tender offer

On January 15, 2008, the Fund, in accordance with its tender offer for up to 538,453 of its issued and outstanding shares of common stock, accepted and made payment of these shares at \$14.62 per share (98% of the net asset value per share of \$14.91). These shares represent 5% of the Fund's then outstanding shares.

On July 15, 2008, the Fund, in accordance with its tender offer for up to 511,530 of its issued and outstanding shares of common stock, accepted and made payment of these shares at \$14.03 per share (98% of the net asset value per share of \$14.32). These shares represent 5% of the Fund's then outstanding shares.

## 9. Income tax information and distributions to shareholders

The tax character of distributions paid during the period ended November 30 and the years ended December 31, was as follows:

	November 30, 2009	December 31, 2008	December 31, 2007
<b>Distributions Paid From:</b>			
Tax-exempt income to Common Shareholders	\$6,219,393	\$6,037,394	\$4,529,062
Tax-exempt income to Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stockholders	471,874	2,779,113	2,339,781
<i>Total tax-exempt distributions</i>	\$6,691,267	\$8,816,507	\$6,868,843
Ordinary Income to Common Shareholders	807	\$ 105,704	\$ 29,959
Ordinary Income to Taxable Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stockholders	313	53,940	14,459
Net Long-term Capital Gains to Common Shareholders		269,055	100,637
Net Long-term Capital Gains Taxable Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stockholders		137,831	48,562
<i>Total taxable distributions</i>	\$ 1,120	\$ 566,530	\$ 193,617
<i>Total distributions paid</i>	\$6,692,387	\$9,383,037	\$7,062,460

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As of November 30, 2009, the components of accumulated earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed tax-exempt income net	\$ 2,770,283
Capital loss carryforward*	(1,344,403)
Other book/tax temporary differences(a)	(615,583)
Unrealized appreciation/(depreciation)(b)	3,695,299
Total accumulated earnings/(losses) net	\$ 4,505,596

\* As of November 30, 2009, the Fund had the following net capital loss carryforward remaining:

Year of Expiration	Amount
11/30/2016	\$ (891,295)
11/30/2017	(453,108)
	\$ (1,344,403)

These amounts will be available to offset any future taxable capital gains.

(a) Other book/tax temporary differences are attributable primarily to the deferral of post-October capital losses for tax purposes and book/tax differences in the timing of the deductibility of various expenses.

(b) The difference between book-basis and tax-basis unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) is attributable primarily to the tax deferral of losses on wash sales and the difference between book & tax accretion methods for market discount on fixed income securities.

**10. Subsequent event**

Effective December 28, 2009, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. reduced its participation fee to an annual rate of 0.05% of the purchase price of the ARCPS, in case of a failed auction.

**Report of independent registered public accounting firm**

**The Board of Directors and Shareholders  
Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc.:**

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, of Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc. as of November 30, 2009, and the related statements of operations for the period from January 1, 2009 to November 30, 2009 and for the year ended December 31, 2008, the statements of changes in net assets for the period from January 1, 2009 to November 30, 2009 and for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2008, and the financial highlights for the period from January 1, 2009 to November 30, 2009 and each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 2008. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of November 30, 2009, by correspondence with the custodian. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc. as of November 30, 2009, and the results of its operations, the changes in its net assets, and the financial highlights for the periods described above, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

New York, New York  
January 19, 2010

**Board approval of management and subadvisory agreements (unaudited)**

**Background**

The Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act ), requires that the Board of Directors (the Board ) of Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund, Inc. (the Fund ), including a majority of its members that are not considered to be interested persons under the 1940 Act (the Independent Directors ) voting separately, approve on an annual basis the continuation of the investment management contract (the Management Agreement ) with the Fund's manager, Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC (the Manager ), and the sub-advisory agreement (the Sub-Advisory Agreement ) with the Manager's affiliate, Western Asset Management Company (the Sub-Adviser ). At a meeting (the Contract Renewal Meeting ) held in-person on November 11 and 12, 2009, the Board, including the Independent Directors, considered and approved the continuation of each of the Management Agreement and Sub-Advisory Agreement for an additional one-year term. To assist in its consideration of the renewals of the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement, the Board received and considered a variety of information (together with the information provided at the Contract Renewal Meeting, the Contract Renewal Information ) about the Manager and Sub-Adviser, as well as the management and sub-advisory arrangements for the Fund and the other closed-end funds in the same complex under the Board's supervision (collectively, the Legg Mason Closed-end Funds ), certain portions of which are discussed below. A presentation made by the Manager and the Sub-Adviser to the Board at the Contract Renewal Meeting in connection with its evaluations of the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement encompassed the Fund and the other Legg Mason Closed-end Funds. In addition to the Contract Renewal Information, the Board received performance and other information throughout the year related to the respective services rendered by the Manager and the Sub-Adviser to the Fund. The Board's evaluation took into account the information received throughout the year and also reflected the knowledge and familiarity gained as members of the Board of the Fund and the other Legg Mason Closed-end Funds with respect to the services provided to the Fund by the Manager and the Sub-Adviser.

The Manager provides the Fund with investment advisory and administrative services pursuant to the Management Agreement and the Sub-Adviser provides the Fund with investment sub-advisory services pursuant to the Sub-Advisory Agreement. The discussion below covers the advisory and administrative functions being rendered by the Manager, each such function being encompassed by the Management Agreement, and the investment sub-advisory function being rendered by the Sub-Adviser.

**Board approval of management agreement and sub-advisory agreement**

In its deliberations regarding renewal of the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement, the Fund's Board, including the Independent Directors, considered the factors below.

**Nature, extent and quality of the services under the management agreement and sub-advisory agreement**

The Board received and considered Contract Renewal Information regarding the nature, extent and quality of services provided to the Fund by the Manager and the Sub-Adviser under the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement, respectively, during the past year. The Board also reviewed Contract Renewal Information regarding the Fund's compliance policies and procedures established pursuant to the 1940 Act.

The Board reviewed the qualifications, backgrounds and responsibilities of the Fund's senior personnel and the portfolio management team primarily responsible for the day-to-day portfolio management of the Fund. The Board also considered, based on its knowledge of the Manager and its affiliates, the Contract Renewal Information and the Board's discussions with the Manager at the Contract Renewal Meeting, the financial resources available to the corporate parent of the Manager and the Sub-Adviser, Legg Mason, Inc. (Legg Mason), to support their activities in respect of the Fund and the other Legg Mason Closed-end Funds.

The Board considered the responsibilities of the Manager and the Sub-Adviser under the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement, respectively, including the Manager's coordination and oversight of services provided to the Fund by the Sub-Adviser and others. The Manager does not provide day-to-day portfolio management services to the Fund. Rather, portfolio management services for the Fund are provided by the Sub-Adviser pursuant to the Sub-Advisory Agreement.

The Board concluded that, overall, the nature, extent and quality of services provided to the Fund under the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement have been satisfactory under the circumstances.

**Fund performance**

The Board received and considered performance information and analyses (the Lipper Performance Information) for the Fund, as well as for a group of funds (the Performance Universe) selected by Lipper, Inc. (Lipper), an independent provider of investment company data. The Board was provided with a description of the methodology Lipper used to determine the similarity of the Fund with the funds included in the Performance Universe. The Performance Universe consisted of the Fund and all leveraged general municipal debt closed-end funds, as classified by Lipper, regardless of asset size. The Board noted that it had received and discussed with the Manager and Sub-Adviser information throughout the year at periodic intervals comparing the Fund's performance against its benchmark(s) and its peer funds as selected by Lipper.

The Lipper Performance Information comparing the Fund's performance to that of the Performance Universe based on net asset value per share showed,



**Board approval of management and subadvisory agreements (unaudited) *continued***

among other things, that the Fund's performance for the 1- and 3-year periods ended June 30, 2009 was ranked in the first quintile among the 58 funds in the Performance Universe for those periods, respectively. Its performance was ranked in the second quintile of the Performance Universe for the 5- and 10-year periods ended June 30, 2009 and in each case was better than the median performance for the Performance Universe. The Board also considered the Fund's performance relative to its benchmark(s) and in absolute terms.

Based on its review, which included consideration of all of the factors noted above, the Board concluded that, under the circumstances, the Fund's performance supported continuation of the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement for an additional period not to exceed one year.

**Management fees and expense ratios**

The Board reviewed and considered the management fee (the Management Fee) payable by the Fund to the Manager under the Management Agreement and the sub-advisory fee (the Sub-Advisory Fee) payable to the Sub-Adviser under the Sub-Advisory Agreement in light of the nature, extent and quality of the management and sub-advisory services provided by the Manager and the Sub-Adviser. The Board noted that the Sub-Advisory Fee is paid by the Manager, not the Fund, and, accordingly, that the retention of the Sub-Adviser does not increase the fees or expenses otherwise incurred by the Fund's shareholders.

Additionally, the Board received and considered information and analyses prepared by Lipper (the Lipper Expense Information) comparing the Management Fee and the Fund's overall expenses with those of funds in an expense group (the Expense Universe) selected and provided by Lipper. The comparison was based upon the constituent funds' latest fiscal years. The Expense Universe consisted of the Fund and fifty-six other leveraged general municipal debt closed-end funds, as classified by Lipper, with net common share assets ranging from \$11.0 million to \$890.5 million. Forty-three of the other funds in the Expense Universe were larger than the Fund and thirteen were smaller.

The Lipper Expense Information comparing the Management Fee as well as the Fund's actual total expenses to the Fund's Expense Universe showed that the Management Fee, on a contractual basis, was ranked in the second quintile of the Expense Universe and was better than the Expense Universe median. The Fund's actual Management Fees (i.e., giving effect to any voluntary fee waivers implemented by the Manager with respect to the Fund and by the manager of the other Expense Universe funds) on a common share assets-only basis, were ranked in the third quintile of the Expense Universe and were worse than the Expense Universe median on the basis of common share assets only. On the basis of both common share and leveraged assets, the Fund's actual Management Fees were ranked in the fourth quintile of the Expense Universe and were worse than the Expense Universe median. The Lipper Expense Information showed that the Fund's actual total expenses on the basis of

common share assets were ranked in the fourth quintile of the Expense Universe and on the basis of common share and leveraged assets were ranked in the third quintile. In both cases, the Fund's actual total expenses were slightly worse than the median for the Expense Universe.

The Board also reviewed Contract Renewal Information regarding fees charged by the Manager to other U.S. clients investing primarily in an asset class similar to that of the Fund, including, where applicable, separate accounts. The Board was advised that the fees paid by such other clients generally are lower, and may be significantly lower, than the Management Fee. The Contract Renewal Information discussed the significant differences in scope of services provided to the Fund and to these other clients, noting that the Fund is provided with administrative services, office facilities, Fund officers (including the Fund's chief executive, chief financial and chief compliance officers), and that the Manager coordinates and oversees the provision of services to the Fund by other fund service providers. The Contract Renewal Information included an analysis of complex-wide management fees provided by the Manager. At the Contract Renewal Meeting, the Board noted that the Contract Renewal Information included information regarding management fees paid by open-end mutual funds in the same complex (the Legg Mason Open-end Funds) and that such information indicated that the management fees paid by the Legg Mason Closed-end Funds generally were higher than those paid by the Legg Mason Open-end Funds. The Manager, in response, discussed differences between the services provided to the Fund and the other Legg Mason Closed-end Funds and services provided to the Legg Mason Open-end Funds. The Board considered the fee comparisons in light of the differences required to manage these different types of accounts.

Taking all of the above into consideration, the Board determined that the Management Fee and the Sub-Advisory Fee were reasonable in light of the nature, extent and quality of the services provided to the Fund under the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement.

#### **Manager profitability**

The Board, as part of the Contract Renewal Information, received an analysis of the profitability to the Manager and its affiliates in providing services to the Fund for the Manager's fiscal years ended March 31, 2009 and March 31, 2008. The Board also received profitability information with respect to the Legg Mason fund complex as a whole. In addition, the Board received Contract Renewal Information with respect to the Manager's revenue and cost allocation methodologies used in preparing such profitability data. In 2007, the Board received a report from an outside consultant that had reviewed the Manager's methodologies and the Board was assured by the Manager at the Contract Renewal Meeting that there had been no significant changes in those methodologies since the report was rendered. The profitability to the Sub-Adviser was not considered to be a material factor in the Board's considerations since the Sub-Advisory Fee is paid by the Manager. The profitability analysis

**Board approval of management and subadvisory agreements (unaudited) *continued***

presented to the Board as part of the Contract Renewal Information indicated that profitability to the Manager in providing services to the Fund had decreased by 2 percent over the period covered by the analysis. Under the circumstances, the Board concluded that the Manager's profitability remained at a reasonable level in light of the nature, extent and overall quality of the services provided to the Fund.

**Economies of scale**

The Board received and discussed Contract Renewal Information concerning whether the Manager realizes economies of scale if the Fund's assets grow. The Board noted that because the Fund is a closed-end fund with no current plans to seek additional assets beyond maintaining its dividend reinvestment plan, any significant growth in its assets generally will occur through appreciation in the value of the Fund's investment portfolio, rather than sales of additional shares in the Fund. The Board determined that the Management Fee structure was appropriate under present circumstances.

**Other benefits to the manager and the sub-adviser**

The Board considered other benefits received by the Manager, the Sub-Adviser and their affiliates as a result of their relationship with the Fund and did not regard them as unreasonable under the circumstances.

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In light of all of the foregoing and other relevant factors, the Board determined that, under the circumstances, continuation of the Management and the Sub-Advisory Agreements would be in the interests of the Fund and its shareholders and unanimously voted to continue each Agreement for a period of one additional year.

No single factor reviewed by the Board was identified by the Board as the principal factor in determining whether to approve continuation of the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement, and each Board member attributed different weights to the various factors. The Independent Directors were advised by separate independent legal counsel throughout the process. Prior to the Contract Renewal Meeting, the Board received a memorandum prepared by the Manager discussing its responsibilities in connection with the proposed continuation of the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement as part of the Contract Renewal Information and the Independent Directors separately received a memorandum discussing such responsibilities from their independent counsel. Prior to voting, the Independent Directors also discussed the proposed continuation of the Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement in private sessions with their independent legal counsel at which no representatives of the Manager were present.



**Additional information (unaudited)**

**Information about Directors and Officers**

The business and affairs of Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc. (the Fund ) are managed under the direction of the Board of Directors. Information pertaining to the Directors and Officers of the Fund is set forth below.

**NON-INTERESTED DIRECTORS**

CAROL L. COLMAN  
 c/o Chairman of the Fund, Legg Mason & Co., LLC ( Legg Mason )  
 620 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10018

Birth year	1946
Position(s) held with Fund1	Director and Member of the Nominating and Audit Committees, Class I
Term of office1 and length of time served	Since 2002
Principal occupation(s) during past five years	President, Colman Consulting Company (consulting)
Number of portfolios in fund complex overseen by director (including the Fund)	21
Other board memberships held by Director	None

DANIEL P. CRONIN  
 c/o Chairman of the Fund, Legg Mason  
 620 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10018

Birth year	1946
Position(s) held with Fund1	Director and Member of the Nominating and Audit Committees, Class II
Term of office1 and length of time served	Since 2002
Principal occupation(s) during past five years	Retired; formerly, Associate General Counsel, Pfizer Inc. (prior to and including 2004)
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Number of portfolios in  
fund complex overseen  
by director (including  
the Fund)

Other board member-  
ships held by Director

None

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**Information about Directors and Officers**

PAOLO M. CUCCHI

c/o Chairman of the Fund, Legg Mason  
620 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10018

Birth year	1941
Position(s) held with Fund1	Director and Member of the Nominating and Audit Committees, Class II
Term of office1 and length of time served	Since 2007
Principal occupation(s) during past five years	Professor of French and Italian at Drew University; formerly, Vice President and Dean of College of Liberal Arts at Drew University (from 1984 to 2009)
Number of portfolios in fund complex overseen by director (including the Fund)	21
Other board memberships held by Director	None

LESLIE H. GELB

c/o Chairman of the Fund, Legg Mason  
620 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10018

Birth year	1937
Position(s) held with Fund1	Director and Member of the Nominating and Audit Committees, Class I
Term of office1 and length of time served	Since 2001
Principal occupation(s) during past five years	President Emeritus and Senior Board Fellow (since 2003), The Council on Foreign Relations; formerly, President (prior to 2003), the Council on Foreign Relations; formerly, Columnist, Deputy Editorial Page Editor and Editor, Op-Ed Page, The New York Times
Number of portfolios in fund complex overseen by director (including the Fund)	21
Other board memberships held by Director	Director of two registered investment companies advised by Blackstone Asia Advisors LLC: India Fund, Inc. and Asia Tigers Fund, Inc. (since 1994)

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WILLIAM R. HUTCHINSON

c/o Chairman of the Fund, Legg Mason  
620 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10018

Birth year	1942
Position(s) held with Fund1	Director and Member of the Nominating and Audit Committees, Class III
Term of office1 and length of time served	Since 2003
Principal occupation(s) during past five years	President, W.R. Hutchinson & Associates Inc. (consulting) (since 2001)
Number of portfolios in fund complex overseen by director (including the Fund)	21
Other board memberships held by Director	Director2, Associated BancCorp (banking) (since 1994)

RIORDAN ROETT

c/o Chairman of the Fund, Legg Mason  
620 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10018

Birth year	1938
Position(s) held with Fund1	Director and Member of the Nominating and Audit Committees, Class I
Term of office1 and length of time served	Since 1997
Principal occupation(s) during past five years	The Sarita and Don Johnston Professor of Political Science and Director of Western Hemisphere Studies, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, The Johns Hopkins University (since 1973)
Number of portfolios in fund complex overseen by director (including the Fund)	21
Other board memberships held by Director	None

**Additional information (unaudited) continued**

**Information about Directors and Officers**

JESWALD W. SALACUSE

c/o Chairman of the Fund, Legg Mason  
620 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10018

Birth year	1938
Position(s) held with Fund1	Director and Member of the Nominating and Audit Committees, Class III
Term of office1 and length of time served	Since 2000
Principal occupation(s) during past five years	Henry J. Braker Professor of Commercial Law, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University (since 1986); President and Member, Arbitration Tribunal, World Bank/ICSID (since 2004)
Number of portfolios in fund complex overseen by director (including the Fund)	21
Other board memberships held by Director	Director of two registered investment companies advised by Blackstone Asia Advisors LLC., India Fund, Inc. and Asia Tigers Fund, Inc. (since 1993)

**INTERESTED DIRECTOR**

R. JAY GERKEN, CFA3

Legg Mason  
620 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10018

Birth year	1951
Position(s) held with Fund1	Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Class II
Term of office1 and length of time served	Since 2002
Principal occupation(s) during past five years	Managing Director, Legg Mason & Co., LLC; Chairman of the Board and Trustee/Director of 148 funds associated with Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC ( LMPFA ) and its affiliates; President of LMPFA (since 2006); Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer ( CEO ) of certain mutual funds associated with Legg Mason, Inc. or its affiliates; President and CEO, Smith Barney Fund Management LLC and Chairman, President and CEO, Citi Fund Management, Inc. (formerly registered investment advisers) (since 2002); formerly, Managing Director of Citigroup Global Markets Inc. (prior to 2006); formerly, Chairman, President and CEO, Travelers Investment Adviser Inc. (from 2002 to 2005)

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Number of portfolios in  
fund complex overseen  
by director (including  
the Fund)

Other board member-  
ships held by Director

Former Trustee, Consulting Group Capital Markets Funds (from 2002 to  
2006)

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**OFFICERS**

**KAPREL OZSOLAK**

Legg Mason  
55 Water Street, New York, NY 10041

Birth year	1965
Position(s) held with Fund1	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
Term of office1 and length of time served	Since 2007
Principal occupation(s) during past five years	Director of Legg Mason; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of certain funds associated with Legg Mason; formerly, Controller of certain funds associated with certain predecessor firms of Legg Mason (2002 to 2004)

**TED P. BECKER**

Legg Mason  
620 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10018

Birth year	1951
Position(s) held with Fund1	Chief Compliance Officer
Term of office1 and length of time served	Since 2006
Principal occupation(s) during past five years	Director of Global Compliance at Legg Mason (since 2006); Chief Compliance Officer of LMPFA (since 2006); Managing Director of Compliance at Legg Mason, (since 2005); Chief Compliance Officer with certain mutual funds associated with Legg Mason, LMPFA and certain affiliates (since 2006); formerly, Managing Director of Compliance at Citigroup Asset Management ( CAM ) or its predecessors (2002 to 2005)

**ROBERT I. FRENKEL**

Legg Mason  
100 First Stamford Place, Stamford, CT 06902

Birth year	1954
Position(s) held with Fund1	Secretary and Chief Legal Officer
Term of office1 and length of time served	Since 2003
Principal occupation(s) during past five years	Managing Director and General Counsel of Global Mutual Funds for Legg Mason and its predecessor (since 1994); Secretary and Chief Legal Officer of mutual funds associated with Legg Mason (since 2003); formerly, Secretary of CFM (2001 to 2004)



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**Information about Directors and Officers**

THOMAS C. MANDIA

Legg Mason

100 First Stamford Place, Stamford, CT 06902

Birth year	1962
Position(s) held with Fund1	Assistant Secretary
Term of office1 and length of time served	Since 2006
Principal occupation(s) during past five years	Managing Director and Deputy General Counsel of Legg Mason (since 2005); Secretary of LMPFA (since 2006); Managing Director and Deputy General Counsel for CAM (1992 to 2005)

ALBERT LASKAJ

Legg Mason

55 Water Street, New York, NY 10041

Birth year	1977
Position(s) held with Fund1	Controller
Term of office1 and length of time served	Since 2007
Principal occupation(s) during past five years	Vice President of Legg Mason (since 2008); Controller of certain funds associated with Legg Mason (since 2007); formerly, Assistant Controller of certain mutual funds associated with Legg Mason (2005 to 2007); formerly, Accounting Manager of certain mutual funds associated with certain predecessor firms of Legg Mason (2003 to 2005)

STEVEN FRANK

Legg Mason

55 Water Street, New York, NY 10041

Birth year	1967
Position(s) held with Fund1	Controller
Term of office1 and length of time served	Since 2007
Principal occupation(s) during past five years	Vice President of Legg Mason (since 2002); Controller of certain funds associated with Legg Mason or its predecessors (since 2005); formerly, Assistant Controller of certain mutual funds associated with Legg Mason predecessors (2001 to 2005)

1 The Fund's Board of Directors is divided into three classes: Class I, Class II and Class III. The terms of office of the Class I, II and III Directors expire at the Annual Meetings of Stockholders in the year 2012, year 2011 and year 2010, respectively, or thereafter in each case when their respective successors are duly elected and qualified. The Fund's executive officers are chosen each year at the first meeting of the Fund's Board of Directors following the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to hold office until the meeting of the Board following the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

2 Non-Executive Chairman of the Board (since December 1, 2009)

3 Mr. Gerken is an interested person of the Fund as defined in the 1940 Act because Mr. Gerken is an officer of LMPFA and certain of its affiliates.

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**Annual chief executive officer and chief financial officer certifications (unaudited)**

The Fund's Chief Executive Officer ( CEO ) has submitted to the NYSE the required annual certification, and the Fund also has included the certifications of the Fund's CEO and Chief Financial Officer required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act in the Fund's Form N-CSR filed with the SEC for the period of this report.

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**Dividend reinvestment plan (unaudited)**

Pursuant to certain rules of the SEC, the following additional disclosure is provided.

Pursuant to the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan ( Plan ), holders of Common Stock whose shares of Common Stock are registered in their own names will be deemed to have elected to have all distributions automatically reinvested by American Stock Transfer & Trust Company ( Plan Agent ) in Fund shares pursuant to the Plan, unless they elect to receive distributions in cash. Holders of Common Stock who elect to receive distributions in cash will receive all distributions in cash by check in dollars mailed directly to the holder by the Plan Agent as dividend-paying agent. Holders of Common Stock who do not wish to have distributions automatically reinvested should notify the Plan Agent at the address below. Distributions with respect to Common Stock registered in the name of a bank, broker-dealer or other nominee (i.e., in street name ) will be reinvested under the Plan unless the service is not provided by the bank, broker-dealer or other nominee or the holder elects to receive distributions in cash. Investors who own shares registered in the name of a bank, broker-dealer or other nominee should consult with such nominee as to participation in the Plan through such nominee, and may be required to have their shares registered in their own names in order to participate in the Plan.

The Plan Agent serves as agent for the holders of Common Stock in administering the Plan. After the Fund declares a distribution on the Common Stock or determines to make a capital gain distribution, the Plan Agent will, as agent for the participants, receive the cash payment and use it to buy the Fund's Common Stock in the open market, on the NYSE or elsewhere, for the participants' accounts. The Fund will not issue any new shares of Common Stock in connection with the Plan.

Participants have the option of making additional cash payments to the Plan Agent, monthly, in a minimum amount of \$250, for investment in the Fund's Common Stock. The Plan Agent will use all such funds received from participants to purchase shares of Common Stock in the open market on or about the first business day of each month. To avoid unnecessary cash accumulations, and also to allow ample time for receipt and processing by the Plan Agent, it is suggested that participants send in voluntary cash payments to be received by the Plan Agent approximately ten days before an applicable purchase date specified above. A participant may withdraw a voluntary cash payment by written notice, if the notice is received by the Plan Agent not less than 48 hours before such payment is to be invested.

The Plan Agent maintains all shareholder accounts in the Plan and furnishes written confirmations of all transactions in an account, including information needed by shareholders for personal and tax records. Shares of Common Stock in the account of each Plan participant will be held by the Plan Agent in the name of the participant, and each shareholder's proxy will include those shares purchased pursuant to the Plan.

In the case of holders of Common Stock, such as banks, broker-dealers or other nominees, who hold shares for others who are beneficial owners, the Plan Agent will administer the Plan on the basis of the number of shares of Common Stock certified from time to time by the holders as representing the total amount registered in such holders' names and held for the account of beneficial owners that have not elected to receive distributions in cash.

There is no charge to participants for reinvesting of distributions or voluntary cash payments. The Plan Agent's fees for the reinvestment of distributions and voluntary cash payments will be paid by the Fund. However, each participant will pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to the Plan Agent's open market purchases in connection with the reinvestment of distributions and voluntary cash payments made by the participant. The receipt of distributions under the Plan will not relieve participants of any income tax which may be payable on such distributions.

Participants may terminate their accounts under the Plan by notifying the Plan Agent in writing. Such termination will be effective immediately if notice in writing is received by the Plan Agent not less than ten days prior to any distribution record date. Upon termination, the Plan Agent will send the participant a certificate for the full shares held in the account and a cash adjustment for any fractional shares or, upon written instruction from the participant, the Plan Agent will sell part or all of the participant's shares and remit the proceeds to the participant, less a \$2.50 fee plus brokerage commission for the transaction.

Experience under the Plan may indicate that changes in the Plan are desirable. Accordingly, the Fund and the Plan Agent reserve the right to terminate the Plan as applied to any voluntary cash payments made and any distributions paid subsequent to notice of the termination sent to all participants in the Plan at least 30 days before the record date for the distribution. The Plan also may be amended by the Fund or the Plan Agent upon at least 30 days' written notice to participants in the Plan.

All correspondence concerning the Plan should be directed to the Plan Agent at 59 Maiden Lane, New York, New York 10038 or by telephone at 1-877-366-6441.

**Important tax information (unaudited)**

All of the net investment income distributions paid monthly by the Fund during the taxable period January 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009 to common shareholders qualify as tax-exempt interest dividends for Federal income tax purposes with the exception of the distribution paid on June 26, 2009. On June 26, 2009, the Fund paid an ordinary income distribution of \$0.000074 per share to common shareholders.

Additionally, all of the distributions paid weekly by the Fund to municipal auction rate cumulative preferred shareholders qualify as tax-exempt interest dividends for Federal income tax purposes with the exception of the distribution paid on June 9, 2009. On June 9, 2009, the Fund paid an ordinary income distribution of \$0.18 per share to municipal auction rate cumulative preferred shareholders.

**The following information is applicable to non-U.S. resident shareholders:**

All of the taxable ordinary income distributions paid to both common and auction rate cumulative preferred shareholders represent Qualified Net Interest Income eligible for exemptions from U.S. withholding tax for nonresident aliens and foreign corporations.

Please retain this information for your records.

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**Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc.**

**Directors**

Carol L. Colman  
Daniel P. Cronin  
Paolo M. Cucchi  
Leslie H. Gelb  
R. Jay Gerken, CFA  
*Chairman*  
William R. Hutchinson  
Riordan Roett  
Jeswald W. Salacuse

**Officers**

R. Jay Gerken, CFA  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*

Kaprel Ozsolak  
*Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer*

Ted P. Becker  
*Chief Compliance Officer*

Robert I. Frenkel  
*Secretary and Chief Legal Officer*

Thomas C. Mandia  
*Assistant Secretary*

Albert Laskaj  
*Controller*

Steven Frank  
*Controller*

**Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc.**

55 Water Street

New York, New York 10041

**Investment manager**

Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC

**Subadviser**

Western Asset Management Company

**Auction agent**

Deutsche Bank  
60 Wall Street  
New York, New York 10005

**Custodian**

State Street Bank and Trust Company  
1 Lincoln Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02111

**Transfer agent**

American Stock Transfer & Trust Company  
59 Maiden Lane  
New York, New York 10038

**Independent registered public accounting firm**

KPMG LLP  
345 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10154

**Legal counsel**

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP  
425 Lexington Avenue

New York, New York 10017

**New York Stock Exchange Symbol**

MNP

**Privacy policy**

We are committed to keeping nonpublic personal information about you secure and confidential. This notice is intended to help you understand how we fulfill this commitment. From time to time, we may collect a variety of personal information about you, including:

- Information we receive from you on applications and forms, via the telephone, and through our websites;
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates, or others (such as your purchases, sales, or account balances); and
- Information we receive from consumer reporting agencies.

We do not disclose nonpublic personal information about our customers or former customers, except to our affiliates (such as broker-dealers or investment advisers within the Legg Mason family of companies) or as is otherwise permitted by applicable law or regulation. For example, we may share this information with others in order to process your transactions or service an account. We may also provide this information to companies that perform marketing services on our behalf, such as printing and mailing, or to other financial institutions with whom we have joint marketing agreements. When we enter into such agreements, we will require these companies to protect the confidentiality of this information and to use it only to perform the services for which we hired them.

With respect to our internal security procedures, we maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards to protect your nonpublic personal information, and we restrict access to this information.

If you decide at some point either to close your account(s) or become an inactive customer, we will continue to adhere to our privacy policies and practices with respect to your nonpublic personal information.

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**Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc.**

WESTERN ASSET MUNICIPAL PARTNERS FUND INC.

55 Water Street

New York, New York 10041

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, that from time to time the Fund may purchase at market prices shares of its common stock in the open market.

The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The Fund's Forms N-Q are available on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The Fund's Forms N-Q may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington D.C., and information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330. To obtain information on Form N-Q from the Fund, shareholders can call 1-888-777-0102.

Information on how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the prior 12-month period ended June 30th of each year and a description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies related to portfolio transactions are available (1) without charge, upon request, by calling 1-888-777-0102, (2) on the Fund's website at [www.leggmason.com/cef](http://www.leggmason.com/cef) and (3) on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

This report is transmitted to the shareholders of Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc. for their information. This is not a prospectus, circular or representation intended for use in the purchase of shares of the Fund or any securities mentioned in this report.

American Stock Transfer &  
Trust Company  
59 Maiden Lane  
New York, New York 10038

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ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

The registrant has adopted a code of ethics that applies to the registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

The Board of Directors of the registrant has determined that William R. Hutchinson, the chairman of the Board's Audit Committee, possesses the attributes identified in Instruction 2(b) of Item 3 to Form N-CSR to qualify as an audit committee financial expert, and has designated Mr. Hutchinson as the audit committee financial expert. Mr. Hutchinson is an independent Director pursuant to paragraph (a)(2) of Item 3 to Form N-CSR.

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

a) Audit Fees. The aggregate fees billed in the last two fiscal years ending December 31, 2008 and November 30, 2009 (the Reporting Periods) for professional services rendered by the Registrant's principal accountant (the Auditor) for the audit of the Registrant's annual financial statements, or services that are normally provided by the Auditor in connection with the statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for the Reporting Periods, were \$44,500 in 2008 and \$46,907 in 2009.

b) Audit-Related Fees. The aggregate fees billed in the Reporting Period for assurance and related services by the Auditor that are reasonably related to the performance of the Registrant's financial statements were \$41,200 in 2008 and \$71,000 in 2009. These services consisted of procedures performed in connection with the Agreed upon procedures for the calculations pursuant to the funds articles supplementary dated March 31, 1993 creating an auction of preferred shares (APS) as of October 31, 2006 and November 30, 2006. Additional services also consisted of calculation of funds supplement to create and fix the right of auction rate of cumulative preferred stock for Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc..

In addition, there were no Audit-Related Fees billed in the Reporting Period for assurance and related services by the Auditor to the Registrant's investment adviser (not including any sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser), and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc. (service affiliates), that were reasonably related to the performance of the annual audit of the service affiliates. Accordingly, there were no such fees that required pre-approval by the Audit Committee for the Reporting Periods (prior to August 6, 2003 services provided by the Auditor were not required to be pre-approved).

(c) Tax Fees. The aggregate fees billed in the Reporting Periods for professional services rendered by the Auditor for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning (Tax Services) were \$7,950 in 2008 and \$3,100 in 2009. These services consisted of (i) review or preparation of U.S. federal, state, local and excise tax returns; (ii) U.S. federal, state and local tax planning, advice and assistance regarding statutory, regulatory or administrative developments, and (iii) tax advice regarding tax qualification matters and/or treatment of various financial instruments held or proposed to be acquired or held.

There were no fees billed for tax services by the Auditors to service affiliates during the Reporting Periods that required pre-approval by the Audit Committee.

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d) All Other Fees. There were no other fees billed in the Reporting Period for product and services provided by the Auditor, other than the services reported in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this Item for the Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc.

All Other Fees. There were no other non-audit services rendered by the Auditor to Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisors, LLC ( LMPFA ), and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with LMPFA that provided ongoing services to Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc. requiring pre-approval by the Audit Committee in the Reporting Period.

(e) Audit Committee's pre-approval policies and procedures described in paragraph (c) (7) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X.

(1) The Charter for the Audit Committee (the Committee) of the Board of each registered investment company (the Fund) advised by LMPFA or one of their affiliates (each, an Adviser) requires that the Committee shall approve (a) all audit and permissible non-audit services to be provided to the Fund and (b) all permissible non-audit services to be provided by the Fund's independent auditors to the Adviser and any Covered Service Providers if the engagement relates directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Fund. The Committee may implement policies and procedures by which such services are approved other than by the full Committee.

The Committee shall not approve non-audit services that the Committee believes may impair the independence of the auditors. As of the date of the approval of this Audit Committee Charter, permissible non-audit services include any professional services (including tax services), that are not prohibited services as described below, provided to the Fund by the independent auditors, other than those provided to the Fund in connection with an audit or a review of the financial statements of the Fund. Permissible non-audit services may not include: (i) bookkeeping or other services related to the accounting records or financial statements of the Fund; (ii) financial information systems design and implementation; (iii) appraisal or valuation services, fairness opinions or contribution-in-kind reports; (iv) actuarial services; (v) internal audit outsourcing services; (vi) management functions or human resources; (vii) broker or dealer, investment adviser or investment banking services; (viii) legal services and expert services unrelated to the audit; and (ix) any other service the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board determines, by regulation, is impermissible.

Pre-approval by the Committee of any permissible non-audit services is not required so long as: (i) the aggregate amount of all such permissible non-audit services provided to the Fund, the Adviser and any service providers controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Adviser that provide ongoing services to the Fund ( Covered Service Providers ) constitutes not more than 5% of the total amount of revenues paid to the independent auditors during the fiscal year in which the permissible non-audit services are provided to (a) the Fund, (b) the Adviser and (c) any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Adviser that provides ongoing services to the Fund during the fiscal year in which the services are provided that would have to be approved by the Committee; (ii) the permissible non-audit services were not recognized by the Fund at the time of the engagement to be non-audit services; and (iii) such services are promptly brought to the attention of the Committee and approved by the Committee (or its delegate(s)) prior to the completion of the audit.

(2) For the Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc., the percentage of fees that were approved by the audit committee, with respect to: Audit-Related Fees were 100% and 100% for 2008 and 2009; Tax Fees were 100% and 100% for 2008 and 2009; and Other Fees were 100% and 100% for 2008 and 2009.

(f) N/A

(g) Non-audit fees billed by the Auditor for services rendered to Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc., LMPFA and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with LMPFA

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that provides ongoing services to Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc. during the reporting period were \$0 in 2008.

(h) Yes. Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc.'s Audit Committee has considered whether the provision of non-audit services that were rendered to Service Affiliates, which were not pre-approved (not requiring pre-approval), is compatible with maintaining the Accountant's independence. All services provided by the Auditor to the Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc. or to Service Affiliates, which were required to be pre-approved, were pre-approved as required.

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

a) *The independent board members are acting as the registrant's audit committee as specified in Section 3(a)(58)(B) of the Exchange Act. The Audit Committee consists of the following Board members:*

William R. Hutchinson

Paolo M. Cucchi

Daniel P. Cronin

Carol L. Colman

Leslie H. Gelb

Dr. Riordan Roett

Jeswald W. Salacuse

b) Not applicable

ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

Included herein under Item 1.

ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

**Proxy Voting Guidelines and Procedures**

Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC ( LMPFA ) delegates the responsibility for voting proxies for the fund to the subadviser through its contracts with the subadviser. The subadviser will use its own proxy voting policies and procedures to vote proxies. Accordingly, LMPFA does not expect to have proxy-voting responsibility for the fund. Should LMPFA become responsible for voting proxies for any reason, such as the inability of the subadviser to provide investment advisory services, LMPFA shall utilize the proxy voting guidelines established by the most recent subadviser to vote proxies until a new subadviser is retained.

The subadviser's Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures govern in determining how proxies relating to the fund's portfolio securities are voted and are provided below. Information regarding how each fund voted proxies (if any) relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available without charge (1) by calling 888-425-6432, (2) on the fund's website at <http://www.leggmason.com/individualinvestors> and (3) on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

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## **Background**

Western Asset Management Company ( WA or Western Asset ) have adopted and implemented policies and procedures that we believe are reasonably designed to ensure that proxies are voted in the best interest of clients, in accordance with our fiduciary duties and SEC Rule 206(4)-6 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 ( Advisers Act ). Our authority to vote the proxies of our clients is established through investment management agreements or comparable documents, and our proxy voting guidelines have been tailored to reflect these specific contractual obligations. In addition to SEC requirements governing advisers, our proxy voting policies reflect the long-standing fiduciary standards and responsibilities for ERISA accounts. Unless a manager of ERISA assets has been expressly precluded from voting proxies, the Department of Labor has determined that the responsibility for these votes lies with the Investment Manager.

In exercising its voting authority, Western Asset will not consult or enter into agreements with officers, directors or employees of Legg Mason Inc. or any of its affiliates (except that WA may so consult and agree with each other) regarding the voting of any securities owned by its clients.

## **Policy**

Western Asset s proxy voting procedures are designed and implemented in a way that is reasonably expected to ensure that proxy matters are handled in the best interest of our clients. While the guidelines included in the procedures are intended to provide a benchmark for voting standards, each vote is ultimately cast on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration Western Asset s contractual obligations to our clients and all other relevant facts and circumstances at the time of the vote (such that these guidelines may be overridden to the extent Western Asset deems appropriate).

## **Procedures**

### Responsibility and Oversight

The Western Asset Compliance Department ( Compliance Department ) is responsible for administering and overseeing the proxy voting process. The gathering of proxies is coordinated through the Corporate Actions area of Investment Support ( Corporate Actions ). Research analysts and portfolio managers are responsible for determining appropriate voting positions on each proxy utilizing any applicable guidelines contained in these procedures.

### Client Authority

Prior to August 1, 2003, all existing client investment management agreements ( IMAs ) will be reviewed to determine whether Western Asset has authority to vote client proxies. At account start-up, or upon amendment of an IMA, the applicable client IMA are similarly reviewed. If an agreement is silent on proxy voting, but contains an overall delegation of discretionary authority or if the account represents assets of an ERISA plan, Western Asset will assume responsibility for proxy voting. The Client Account Transition Team maintains a matrix of proxy voting authority.

Proxy Gathering

Registered owners of record, client custodians, client banks and trustees ( Proxy Recipients ) that receive proxy materials on behalf of clients should forward them to Corporate Actions. Prior to August 1, 2003, Proxy Recipients of existing clients will be reminded of the appropriate routing to Corporate Actions for proxy materials received and reminded of their responsibility to forward all proxy materials on a timely basis. Proxy Recipients for new clients (or, if Western Asset becomes aware that the applicable Proxy Recipient for an existing client has changed, the Proxy Recipient for the existing client) are notified at start-up of appropriate routing to Corporate Actions of proxy materials received and reminded of their

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responsibility to forward all proxy materials on a timely basis. If Western Asset personnel other than Corporate Actions receive proxy materials, they should promptly forward the materials to Corporate Actions.

#### Proxy Voting

Once proxy materials are received by Corporate Actions, they are forwarded to the Compliance Department for coordination and the following actions:

a. Proxies are reviewed to determine accounts impacted.

b. Impacted accounts are checked to confirm Western Asset voting authority.

c. Compliance Department staff reviews proxy issues to determine any material conflicts of interest. (See conflicts of interest section of these procedures for further information on determining material conflicts of interest.)

d. If a material conflict of interest exists, (i) to the extent reasonably practicable and permitted by applicable law, the client is promptly notified, the conflict is disclosed and Western Asset obtains the client's proxy voting instructions, and (ii) to the extent that it is not reasonably practicable or permitted by applicable law to notify the client and obtain such instructions (e.g., the client is a mutual fund or other commingled vehicle or is an ERISA plan client), Western Asset seeks voting instructions from an independent third party.

e. Compliance Department staff provides proxy material to the appropriate research analyst or portfolio manager to obtain their recommended vote. Research analysts and portfolio managers determine votes on a case-by-case basis taking into account the voting guidelines contained in these procedures. For avoidance of doubt, depending on the best interest of each individual client, Western Asset may vote the same proxy differently for different clients. The analyst's or portfolio manager's basis for their decision is documented and maintained by the Compliance Department.

f. Compliance Department staff votes the proxy pursuant to the instructions received in (d) or (e) and returns the voted proxy as indicated in the proxy materials.

#### Timing

Western Asset personnel act in such a manner to ensure that, absent special circumstances, the proxy gathering and proxy voting steps noted above can be completed before the applicable deadline for returning proxy votes.

Recordkeeping

Western Asset maintains records of proxies voted pursuant to Section 204-2 of the Advisers Act and ERISA DOL Bulletin 94-2. These records include:

- a. A copy of Western Asset's policies and procedures.
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- b. Copies of proxy statements received regarding client securities.
  
- c. A copy of any document created by Western Asset that was material to making a decision how to vote proxies.
  
- d. Each written client request for proxy voting records and Western Asset's written response to both verbal and written client requests.
  
- e. A proxy log including:
  - 1. Issuer name;
  - 2. Exchange ticker symbol of the issuer's shares to be voted;
  - 3. Council on Uniform Securities Identification Procedures (CUSIP) number for the shares to be voted;
  - 4. A brief identification of the matter voted on;
  - 5. Whether the matter was proposed by the issuer or by a shareholder of the issuer;
  - 6. Whether a vote was cast on the matter;
  - 7. A record of how the vote was cast; and
  - 8. Whether the vote was cast for or against the recommendation of the issuer's management team.

Records are maintained in an easily accessible place for five years, the first two in Western Asset's offices.

#### Disclosure

Part II of the WA Form ADV contains a description of Western Asset's proxy policies. Prior to August 1, 2003, Western Asset will deliver Part II of its revised Form ADV to all existing clients, along with a letter identifying the new disclosure. Clients will be provided a copy of these policies and procedures upon request. In addition, upon request, clients may receive reports on how their proxies have been voted.

#### Conflicts of Interest

All proxies are reviewed by the Compliance Department for material conflicts of interest. Issues to be reviewed include, but are not limited to:

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1. Whether Western Asset (or, to the extent required to be considered by applicable law, its affiliates) manages assets for the company or an employee group of the company or otherwise has an interest in the company;
2. Whether Western Asset or an officer or director of Western Asset or the applicable portfolio manager or analyst responsible for recommending the proxy vote (together, "Voting Persons") is a close relative of or has a personal or business relationship with an executive, director or person who is a candidate for director of the company or is a participant in a proxy contest; and
3. Whether there is any other business or personal relationship where a Voting Person has a personal interest in the outcome of the matter before shareholders.

### **Voting Guidelines**

Western Asset's substantive voting decisions turn on the particular facts and circumstances of each proxy vote and are evaluated by the designated research analyst or portfolio manager. The examples outlined below are meant as guidelines to aid in the decision making process.

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Guidelines are grouped according to the types of proposals generally presented to shareholders. Part I deals with proposals which have been approved and are recommended by a company's board of directors; Part II deals with proposals submitted by shareholders for inclusion in proxy statements; Part III addresses issues relating to voting shares of investment companies; and Part IV addresses unique considerations pertaining to foreign issuers.

## I. Board Approved Proposals

The vast majority of matters presented to shareholders for a vote involve proposals made by a company itself that have been approved and recommended by its board of directors. In view of the enhanced corporate governance practices currently being implemented in public companies, Western Asset generally votes in support of decisions reached by independent boards of directors. More specific guidelines related to certain board-approved proposals are as follows:

### 1. Matters relating to the Board of Directors

Western Asset votes proxies for the election of the company's nominees for directors and for board-approved proposals on other matters relating to the board of directors with the following exceptions:

a. Votes are withheld for the entire board of directors if the board does not have a majority of independent directors or the board does not have nominating, audit and compensation committees composed solely of independent directors.

b. Votes are withheld for any nominee for director who is considered an independent director by the company and who has received compensation from the company other than for service as a director.

c. Votes are withheld for any nominee for director who attends less than 75% of board and committee meetings without valid reasons for absences.

d. Votes are cast on a case-by-case basis in contested elections of directors.

### 2. Matters relating to Executive Compensation

Western Asset generally favors compensation programs that relate executive compensation to a company's long-term performance. Votes are cast on a case-by-case basis on board-approved proposals relating to executive compensation, except as follows:

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- a. Except where the firm is otherwise withholding votes for the entire board of directors, Western Asset votes for stock option plans that will result in a minimal annual dilution.
  
  - b. Western Asset votes against stock option plans or proposals that permit replacing or repricing of underwater options.
  
  - c. Western Asset votes against stock option plans that permit issuance of options with an exercise price below the stock's current market price.
  
  - d. Except where the firm is otherwise withholding votes for the entire board of directors, Western Asset votes for employee stock purchase plans that limit the discount for shares
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purchased under the plan to no more than 15% of their market value, have an offering period of 27 months or less and result in dilution of 10% or less.

### 3. Matters relating to Capitalization

The management of a company's capital structure involves a number of important issues, including cash flows, financing needs and market conditions that are unique to the circumstances of each company. As a result, Western Asset votes on a case-by-case basis on board-approved proposals involving changes to a company's capitalization except where Western Asset is otherwise withholding votes for the entire board of directors.

a. Western Asset votes for proposals relating to the authorization of additional common stock.

b. Western Asset votes for proposals to effect stock splits (excluding reverse stock splits).

c. Western Asset votes for proposals authorizing share repurchase programs.

### 4. Matters relating to Acquisitions, Mergers, Reorganizations and Other Transactions

Western Asset votes these issues on a case-by-case basis on board-approved transactions.

### 5. Matters relating to Anti-Takeover Measures

Western Asset votes against board-approved proposals to adopt anti-takeover measures except as follows:

a. Western Asset votes on a case-by-case basis on proposals to ratify or approve shareholder rights plans.

b. Western Asset votes on a case-by-case basis on proposals to adopt fair price provisions.

### 6. Other Business Matters

Western Asset votes for board-approved proposals approving such routine business matters such as changing the company's name, ratifying the appointment of auditors and procedural matters relating to the shareholder meeting.

a. Western Asset votes on a case-by-case basis on proposals to amend a company's charter or bylaws.

b. Western Asset votes against authorization to transact other unidentified, substantive business at the meeting.

## II. Shareholder Proposals

SEC regulations permit shareholders to submit proposals for inclusion in a company's proxy statement. These proposals generally seek to change some aspect of a company's corporate governance structure or to change some aspect of its business operations. Western Asset votes in accordance with the recommendation of the company's board of directors on all shareholder proposals, except as follows:

1. Western Asset votes for shareholder proposals to require shareholder approval of shareholder rights plans.

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2. Western Asset votes for shareholder proposals that are consistent with Western Asset's proxy voting guidelines for board-approved proposals.

3. Western Asset votes on a case-by-case basis on other shareholder proposals where the firm is otherwise withholding votes for the entire board of directors.

### III. Voting Shares of Investment Companies

Western Asset may utilize shares of open or closed-end investment companies to implement its investment strategies. Shareholder votes for investment companies that fall within the categories listed in Parts I and II above are voted in accordance with those guidelines.

1. Western Asset votes on a case-by-case basis on proposals relating to changes in the investment objectives of an investment company taking into account the original intent of the fund and the role the fund plays in the clients' portfolios.

2. Western Asset votes on a case-by-case basis all proposals that would result in increases in expenses (e.g., proposals to adopt 12b-1 plans, alter investment advisory arrangements or approve fund mergers) taking into account comparable expenses for similar funds and the services to be provided.

### IV. Voting Shares of Foreign Issuers

In the event Western Asset is required to vote on securities held in foreign issuers—i.e. issuers that are incorporated under the laws of a foreign jurisdiction and that are not listed on a U.S. securities exchange or the NASDAQ stock market, the following guidelines are used, which are premised on the existence of a sound corporate governance and disclosure framework. These guidelines, however, may not be appropriate under some circumstances for foreign issuers and therefore apply only where applicable.

1. Western Asset votes for shareholder proposals calling for a majority of the directors to be independent of management.

2. Western Asset votes for shareholder proposals seeking to increase the independence of board nominating, audit and compensation committees.

3. Western Asset votes for shareholder proposals that implement corporate governance standards similar to those established under U.S. federal law and the listing requirements of U.S. stock exchanges, and that do not otherwise violate the laws of the jurisdiction under which the company is incorporated.

4. Western Asset votes on a case-by-case basis on proposals relating to (1) the issuance of common stock in excess of 20% of a company's outstanding common stock where shareholders do not have preemptive rights, or (2) the issuance of common stock in excess of 100% of a company's outstanding common stock where shareholders have preemptive rights.

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ITEM 8.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS OF CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

NAME AND ADDRESS (a)(1):	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS
S. Kenneth Leech  Western Asset 385 East Colorado Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91101	Since 2006	Co-portfolio manager of the fund; Chief Investment Officer of Western Asset since 1998.
Stephen A. Walsh  Western Asset 385 East Colorado Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91101	Since 2006	Co-portfolio manager of the fund; Deputy Chief Investment Officer of Western Asset since 2000.
Joseph Deane  Western Asset 385 East Colorado Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91101	Since 2007	Co-portfolio manager of the fund; portfolio manager at Western Asset since 2005; prior to that time, Mr. Deane was with Citigroup Asset Management or one of its affiliates since 1972.
David Fare  Western Asset 385 East Colorado Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91101	Since 2007	Co-portfolio manager of the fund; portfolio manager at Western Asset since 2005; prior to that time, Mr. Fare was with Citigroup Asset Management or one of its affiliates since 1989.
Robert Amodeo  Western Asset 385 East Colorado Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91101	Since 1999	Co-portfolio manager of the fund; portfolio manager at Western Asset since 2005; prior to that time, Mr. Amodeo was a Managing Director and portfolio manager with Salomon Brothers Asset Management Inc from 1992 to 2005.

**(a)(2): DATA TO BE PROVIDED BY FINANCIAL CONTROL**

The following tables set forth certain additional information with respect to the fund's portfolio managers for the fund. Unless noted otherwise, all information is provided as of November 30, 2009.

## Other Accounts Managed by Portfolio Managers

The table below identifies the number of accounts (other than the fund) for which the fund's portfolio managers have day-to-day management responsibilities and the total assets in such accounts, within each of the following categories: registered investment companies, other pooled investment vehicles, and other accounts. For each category, the number of accounts and total assets in the accounts where fees are based on performance is also indicated.

Portfolio Manager(s)	Registered Investment Companies	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	Other Accounts
S. Kenneth Leech	110 registered investment companies with \$184.9 billion in total assets under management	232 Other pooled investment vehicles with \$112.1 billion in assets under management*	841 Other accounts with \$201.4 billion in total assets under management**
Stephen A. Walsh	110 registered investment companies with \$184.9 billion in total assets under management	232 Other pooled investment vehicles with \$112.1 billion in assets under management*	841 Other accounts with \$201.4 billion in total assets under management**
Joseph P. Deane	25 registered investment companies with \$27.3 billion in total assets under management	0 Other pooled investment vehicles with \$0.0 billion in assets under management	13 Other accounts with \$1.4 billion in total assets under management
David T. Fare	25 registered investment companies with \$27.3 billion in total assets under management	0 Other pooled investment vehicles with \$0.0 billion in assets under management	13 Other accounts with \$1.4 billion in total assets under management
Robert Amodeo	25 registered investment companies with \$27.3 billion in total assets under management	0 Other pooled investment vehicles with \$0.0 billion in assets under management	13 Other accounts with \$1.4 billion in total assets under management

\* Includes 7 accounts managed, totaling \$1.1 billion, for which advisory fee is performance based.

\*\* Includes 95 accounts managed, totaling \$25.3 billion, for which advisory fee is performance based.

*The numbers above reflect the overall number of portfolios managed by employees of Western Asset Management Company ( Western Asset ). Mr. Leech and Mr. Walsh are involved in the management of all the Firm 's portfolios, but they are not solely responsible for particular portfolios. Western Asset 's investment discipline emphasizes a team approach that combines the efforts of groups of specialists working in different market sectors. They are responsible for overseeing implementation of Western Asset 's overall investment ideas and coordinating the work of the various sector teams. This structure ensures that client portfolios benefit from a consensus that draws on the expertise of all team members.*

**(a)(3): Portfolio Manager Compensation**

With respect to the compensation of the portfolio managers, Western Asset 's compensation system assigns each employee a total compensation range, which is derived from annual market surveys that benchmark each role with its job function and peer universe. This method is designed to reward employees with total compensation reflective of the external market value of their skills, experience, and ability to produce desired results. Standard compensation includes competitive base salaries, generous employee benefits, and a retirement plan.

In addition, the subadviser 's employees are eligible for bonuses. These are structured to closely align the interests of employees with those of the subadviser, and are determined by the professional 's job function and pre-tax performance as measured by a formal review process. All bonuses are completely discretionary. The principal factor considered is a portfolio manager 's investment performance versus appropriate peer groups and benchmarks (e.g., a securities index and with respect to a fund, the benchmark set forth in the fund 's Prospectus to which the fund 's average annual total returns are compared or, if none, the benchmark set forth in the fund 's annual report). Performance is reviewed on a 1, 3 and 5 year basis for compensation with 3 years having the most emphasis. The subadviser may also measure a portfolio manager 's pre-tax investment performance against other benchmarks, as it determines appropriate. Because portfolio managers are generally responsible for multiple accounts (including the funds) with similar investment strategies, they are generally compensated on the performance of the aggregate group of similar accounts, rather than a specific account. Other factors that may be considered when making bonus decisions include client service, business development, length of service to the subadviser, management or supervisory responsibilities, contributions to developing business strategy and overall contributions to the subadviser 's business.

Finally, in order to attract and retain top talent, all professionals are eligible for additional incentives in recognition of outstanding performance. These are determined based upon the factors described above and include Legg Mason stock options and long-term incentives that vest over a set period of time past the award date.

**Potential Conflicts of Interest**

*Conflicts of Interest*

The manager, subadvisers and portfolio managers have interests which conflict with the interests of the fund. There is no guarantee that the policies and procedures adopted by the manager, the subadvisers and the fund will be able to identify or mitigate these conflicts of interest.

Some examples of material conflicts of interest include:

*Allocation of Limited Time and Attention.* A portfolio manager who is responsible for managing multiple funds and/or accounts may devote unequal time and attention to the management of those funds

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and/or accounts. A portfolio manager may not be able to formulate as complete a strategy or identify equally attractive investment opportunities for each of those funds and accounts as might be the case if he or she were to devote substantially more attention to the management of a single fund. Such a portfolio manager may make general determinations across multiple funds, rather than tailoring a unique approach for each fund. The effects of this conflict may be more pronounced where funds and/or accounts overseen by a particular portfolio manager have different investment strategies.

*Allocation of Limited Investment Opportunities; Aggregation of Orders.* If a portfolio manager identifies a limited investment opportunity that may be suitable for multiple funds and/or accounts, the opportunity may be allocated among these several funds or accounts, which may limit the fund's ability to take full advantage of the investment opportunity. Additionally, a subadviser may aggregate transaction orders for multiple accounts for purpose of execution. Such aggregation may cause the price or brokerage costs to be less favorable to a particular client than if similar transactions were not being executed concurrently for other accounts. In addition, a subadviser's trade allocation policies may result in the fund's orders not being fully executed or being delayed in execution.

*Pursuit of Differing Strategies.* At times, a portfolio manager may determine that an investment opportunity may be appropriate for only some of the funds and/or accounts for which he or she exercises investment responsibility, or may decide that certain of the funds and/or accounts should take differing positions with respect to a particular security. In these cases, the portfolio manager may place separate transactions for one or more funds or accounts which may affect the market price of the security or the execution of the transaction, or both, to the detriment or benefit of one or more other funds and/or accounts. For example, a portfolio manager may determine that it would be in the interest of another account to sell a security that the fund holds long, potentially resulting in a decrease in the market value of the security held by the fund.

*Cross Trades.* Portfolio managers may manage funds that engage in cross trades, where one of the manager's funds or accounts sells a particular security to another fund or account managed by the same manager. Cross trades may pose conflicts of interest because of, for example, the possibility that one account sells a security to another account at a higher price than an independent third party would pay or otherwise enters into a transaction that it would not enter into with an independent party, such as the sale of a difficult-to-obtain security.

*Selection of Broker/Dealers.* Portfolio managers may select or influence the selection of the brokers and dealers that are used to execute securities transactions for the funds and/or accounts that they supervise. In addition to executing trades, some brokers and dealers provide subadvisers with brokerage and research services. These services may be taken into account in the selection of brokers and dealers whether a broker is being selected to effect a trade on an agency basis for a commission or (as is normally the case for the funds) whether a dealer is being selected to effect a trade on a principal basis. This may result in the payment of higher brokerage fees and/or execution at a less favorable price than might have otherwise been available. The services obtained may ultimately be more beneficial to certain of the manager's funds or accounts than to others (but not necessarily to the funds that pay the increased commission or incur the less favorable execution). A decision as to the selection of brokers and dealers could therefore yield disproportionate costs and benefits among the funds and/or accounts managed.

*Variation in Financial and Other Benefits.* A conflict of interest arises where the financial or other benefits available to a portfolio manager differ among the funds and/or accounts that he or she manages. If the amount or structure of the investment manager's management fee and/or a portfolio manager's compensation differs among funds and/or accounts (such as where certain funds or accounts pay higher management fees or performance-based management fees), the portfolio manager might be motivated to help certain funds and/or accounts over others. Similarly, the desire to maintain assets under management or to enhance the portfolio manager's performance record or to derive other rewards, financial or otherwise, could influence the portfolio manager in affording preferential treatment to those funds and/or accounts that could most significantly benefit the portfolio manager. A portfolio manager may, for example, have an incentive to allocate favorable or limited opportunity investments or structure the timing of investments to favor such funds and/or accounts. Also, a portfolio manager's or the manager's or a subadviser's desire to

increase assets under management could influence the portfolio manager to keep a fund open for new investors without regard to potential benefits of closing the fund to new investors. Additionally, the portfolio manager might be motivated to favor funds and/or accounts in which he or she has an ownership interest or in which the investment manager and/or its affiliates have ownership interests. Conversely, if a portfolio manager does not personally hold an investment in the fund, the portfolio manager's conflicts of interest with respect to the fund may be more acute.

*Related Business Opportunities.* The investment manager or its affiliates may provide more services (such as distribution or recordkeeping) for some types of funds or accounts than for others. In such cases, a portfolio manager may benefit, either directly or indirectly, by devoting disproportionate attention to the management of funds and/or accounts that provide greater overall returns to the investment manager and its affiliates.

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**(a)(4): Portfolio Manager Securities Ownership**

The table below identifies the dollar range of securities beneficially owned by each portfolio managers as of November 30, 2009.

Portfolio Manager(s)	Dollar Range of Portfolio Securities Beneficially Owned
S. Kenneth Leech	A
Stephen A. Walsh	A
Joseph P. Deane	A
David T. Fare	A
Robert Amodeo	A

Dollar Range ownership is as follows:

- A: none
- B: \$1 - \$10,000
- C: 10,001 - \$50,000
- D: \$50,001 - \$100,000
- E: \$100,001 - \$500,000
- F: \$500,001 - \$1 million
- G: over \$1 million

**ITEM 9. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS.**

None.

**ITEM 10. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.**

None.

**ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.**

(a) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act")) are effective as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the disclosure controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act and 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal half-year (the registrant's second fiscal half-year in the case of an annual report) that have materially affected, or are likely to materially affect the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

(a) (1) Code of Ethics attached hereto.

Exhibit 99.CODE ETH

(a) (2) Certifications pursuant to section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 attached hereto.

Exhibit 99.CERT

(b) Certifications pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 attached hereto.

Exhibit 99.906CERT

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, there unto duly authorized.

**Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc.**

By: /s/ **R. Jay Gerken**  
**(R. Jay Gerken)**  
Chief Executive Officer of  
**Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc.**

Date: January 28, 2010

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ **R. Jay Gerken**  
**(R. Jay Gerken)**  
Chief Executive Officer of  
**Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc.**

Date: January 28, 2010

By: /s/ **Kaprel Ozsolak**  
**(Kaprel Ozsolak)**  
Chief Financial Officer of  
**Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc.**

Date: January 28, 2010

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