

**Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc. (“MNP”) Sets New Rate and Announces
Distributions for the Months of March, April and May 2010**

New York – (Business Wire) – February 16, 2010 - Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc., which is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “MNP”, announced today monthly distributions of \$0.0675 per common share for March, April and May 2010. The Fund has previously paid a monthly distribution of \$0.650.

The distribution schedule appears below:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Ex-Date</u>	<u>Record Date</u>	<u>Payable Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type</u>
March	3/17/2010	3/19/2010	3/26/2010	\$0.0675	Income
April	4/21/2010	4/23/2010	4/30/2010	\$0.0675	Income
May	5/19/2010	5/21/2010	5/28/2010	\$0.0675	Income

The Fund has increased its distributions to a level that better approximates the current level of net investment income generated by its investment portfolio.

This press release is not for tax reporting purposes but is being provided to announce the amount of the Fund’s distributions that have been declared by the Board of Directors. In early 2011, after definitive information is available, the Fund will send shareholders a Form 1099-DIV, if applicable, specifying how the distributions paid by the Fund during the prior calendar year should be characterized for purposes of reporting the distributions on a shareholder’s tax return (e.g., ordinary income, long-term capital gain or return of capital).

Western Asset Municipal Partners Fund Inc., a diversified closed-end management investment company, is managed by Legg Mason Partners Fund Advisor, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Legg Mason, Inc. and is sub-advised by Western Asset Management Company, an affiliate of the investment manager.

Contact the Fund at 1-888-777-0102 for additional information, or consult the Fund’s web site at www.leggmason.com/cef.

All data and commentary provided within this press release is for informational purposes only. Legg Mason, Inc. and all of its affiliates do not engage in selling any of the shares of the Fund. The Fund’s common shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

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