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# CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

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Western Asset Managed Municipals 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 May 31

end:

Date of reporting period: May 31, 2010

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

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

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### Fund objective

The Fund seeks to maximize current income exempt from federal income tax\* as is consistent with preservation of principal.

\* 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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Letter from the chairman
Dear Shareholder,
We are pleased to provide the annual report of Western Asset Managed Municipals Fund Inc. for the twelve-month reporting period ended May 31, 2010.
Please read on for a 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.
As always, we remain committed to providing you with excellent service and a full spectrum of investment choices. We also remain committed to supplementing the support you receive from your financial advisor. One way we accomplish this is through our website, www.leggmason.com/cef. Here you can gain immediate access to market and investment information, including:
• Fund prices and performance,
Market insights and commentaries from our portfolio managers, and
• A host of educational resources.
We look forward to helping you meet your financial goals.
Sincerely,
R. Jay Gerken, CFA
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

June 25, 2010

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#### **Economic review**

The lengthiest recession since the Great Depression finally appeared to have ended during the twelve-month reporting period ended May 31, 2010. This, in turn, had significant implications for the financial markets.

Looking back, the U.S. Department of Commerce reported that U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) is contracted four consecutive quarters, beginning in the third quarter of 2008 through the second quarter of 2009. Economic conditions then began to improve in the third quarter of 2009, as GDP growth was 2.2%. A variety of factors helped the economy to regain its footing, including the government s \$787 billion stimulus program, its Cash for Clunkers car rebate program, which helped spur an increase in car sales, and tax credits for first-time home buyers. Economic growth then accelerated during the fourth quarter of 2009, as GDP growth was 5.6%. The Commerce Department cited a slower drawdown in business inventories and renewed consumer spending as contributing factors spurring the economy s higher growth rate. The recovery continued during the first quarter of 2010, as GDP growth was 2.7%. The ongoing economic expansion was largely the result of increased consumer spending, which grew 3.0% during the quarter, versus a tepid 1.6% advance during the last three months of 2009.

Even before GDP growth turned positive, there were signs that the economy was on the mend. The manufacturing sector, as measured by the Institute for Supply Management s PMIii, rose to 52.8 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). According to PMI data, manufacturing has now expanded ten consecutive months. May 2010 s PMI reading of 59.7 indicated that the manufacturing sector s growth was broad-based, as sixteen of the eighteen industries tracked by the Institute for Supply Management grew during the month.

There was also some positive news in the labor market. The U.S. Department of Labor reported that employers added 431,000 jobs in May, the largest monthly gain in more than ten years. However, the vast majority of jobs created during the month 411,000 were temporary government positions tied to the 2010 Census. Nevertheless, during the first five months of the calendar year, an average of nearly 200,000 new positions was created per month. In addition, the unemployment rate fell to 9.7% in May compared to 9.9% in April.

There was mixed news in the housing market during the period. According to the National Association of Realtors, after existing home sales fell from December 2009 through February 2010, sales increased 7.0% and 8.0% in March and April, respectively. The rebound was largely attributed to people rushing to take advantage of the government s\$8,000 tax credit for first-time home buyers that expired at the end of April. However, with the end of the tax credit, existing home sales then declined 2.2% in May. Looking at home prices, the S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Indexiii indicated that month-to-month U.S. home prices rose 0.8% in April. This marked the first increase following six consecutive monthly declines.

#### Financial market overview

The twelve-month period ended May 31, 2010 was largely characterized by a return to more normal conditions and generally robust investor risk appetite. However, the market experienced a sharp sell-off in May 2010, triggered, in large part, by the sovereign debt crisis in Greece and uncertainties regarding new financial reforms in the U.S.

In the fixed-income market, riskier sectors, such as high-yield bonds and emerging market debt, significantly outperformed U.S. Treasuries during the reporting period. There were a number of factors contributing to the turnaround in the financial markets, including improving economic conditions, renewed investor confidence and the accommodative monetary policy by the Federal Reserve Board (Fed) iv.

While economic data often surpassed expectations during the reporting period, the Fed remained cautious. At its meeting in June 2010 (after the end of the reporting period), the Fed said it will maintain the target range for the federal funds ratev 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.

However, the Fed did take a first step in reversing its accommodative monetary stance. On February 18, 2010, the Fed raised the discount

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rate, the interest rate it charges banks for temporary loans, from 1/2 to 3/4 percent. The Fed also concluded its \$1.25 trillion mortgage securities purchase program at the end of the first quarter of 2010. In addition, the Fed has now closed nearly all of the special liquidity facilities that it created to support the financial markets during the credit crisis.
Fixed-income market review
While somewhat overshadowed by a flight to quality in May 2010, investor demand for riskier and higher-yielding fixed-income securities was strong for the majority of the reporting period. Overall, investor confidence was high given encouraging economic data, continued low interest rates, benign inflation, rebounding corporate profits and a rapidly rising stock market. However, in May, the sovereign debt crisis in Greece then triggered increased volatility in the global financial markets, causing the spread sectors (non-Treasuries) to give back some of their earlier gains.
Both short- and long-term Treasury yields fluctuated during the reporting period as investors analyzed incoming economic data and theorized about the Fed s future actions. When the period began, Treasury yields were relatively low, with two- and ten-year Treasury yields at 0.92% and 3.47%, respectively. Two- and ten-year Treasury yields then gyrated, rising as high as 1.42% and 4.01%, and falling as low as 0.67% and 3.18%, respectively. Short- and long-term yields declined toward the end of the reporting period given concerns regarding the escalating debt crisis in Greece. As of May 31, 2010, two- and ten-year Treasury yields were 0.76% and 3.31%, respectively.
The municipal bond market outperformed its taxable bond counterpart over the twelve months ended May 31, 2010. Over that period, the Barclays Capital Municipal Bond Indexvi and the Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Indexvii returned 8.52% and 8.42%, respectively. Despite falling tax receipts and budgetary challenges, the municipal market generated solid results due to strong demand from investors seeking tax-free income. The decline in new issuance of tax-free bonds also fed the market s demand.
As always, thank you for your confidence in our stewardship of your assets.
Sincerely,
R. Jay Gerken, CFA
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

June 29, 2010

All investments are subject to risk including the possible loss of principal. 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.
- 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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Fund overview
Q. What is the Fund s investment strategy?
<b>A.</b> The Fund seeks to maximize current income exempt from federal income tax as is consistent with the preservation of principal. We select securities primarily by identifying undervalued sectors and individual securities, while also selecting securities that we believe will benefit from changes in market conditions.
Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests primarily in investment grade municipal bonds, but it can also invest up to 20% of its total assets in municipal bonds rated below investment grade by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization or, if unrated, determined to be of equivalent quality. The Fund may also use a variety of derivative instruments for investment purposes, as well as 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. S. Kenneth Leech, Stephen A. Walsh, Robert E. Amodeo, David T. Fare and Joseph P. Deane are the co-leaders of the portfolio management team of this Fund. They are responsible for the day-to-day strategic oversight of the Fund's investments and/or supervising the day-to-day operations of the various sector specialist teams dedicated to the specific asset classes in which the Fund invests.
Q. What were the overall market conditions during the Fund s reporting period?
<b>A.</b> During the twelve months ended May 31, 2010, the fixed-income market largely recovered from the financial crisis in 2008 and returned to more normal conditions. This was the result of a variety of factors, including the aggressive actions taken by the Federal Reserve Board (Fed), improving economic conditions and generally robust investor risk appetite.

In the spring of 2009, conditions in the credit markets improved, there were signs that the economy was stabilizing and corporate profits were often better than expected. Collectively, this caused investor risk aversion to abate, leading to a strong rally in the spread sectors (non-U.S. Treasuries). Also supporting the spread sectors was solid demand from investors seeking incremental yields given the low rates available from short-term fixed-income securities. The spread sectors then continued to rally during most of the remainder of the reporting period, with a notable exception being in May 2010. Nevertheless, in sharp contrast to calendar year 2008 when Treasuries were the performance leaders, the

spread sectors outperformed Treasuries during the fiscal year.

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The yields on two- and ten-year Treasuries began the fiscal year at 0.92% and 3.47%, respectively. Treasury yields fluctuated during the twelve-month reporting period given changing perceptions regarding the economy, interest rates, inflation and deflation. During the period, two-year Treasury yields moved as low as 0.67% and as high as 1.42%, and ended the period at 0.76%. In contrast, ten-year Treasuries fell as low as 3.18% and rose as high as 4.01%, and ended the fiscal year at 3.31%.

Both short- and long-term yields fell during the twelve-month period due, in part, to a flight to quality that occurred in May 2010. This was triggered by concerns regarding the debt crisis in Greece and fears that it could spread to other European countries. In addition, investor sentiment was negatively impacted by uncertainties surrounding potential financial reform legislation in the U.S. Collectively, this caused investors to flock to the relative safety of Treasury securities, driving their yields lower and prices higher during the month.

Municipal bonds posted solid returns during the fiscal year. 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, the Barclays Capital Municipal Bond Indexii returned 8.52% for the twelve months ended May 31, 2010. Over the same period, the overall taxable bond market, as measured by the Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Indexiii, returned 8.42%.

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

**A.** A general theme for the Fund throughout the fiscal year was its minimal exposures to State General Obligation bonds ( GOs ) and Local GOs. These securities are typically economically

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sensitive, in that the issuing municipality repays bondholders from tax revenues. We avoided GOs given declining tax revenues, ongoing budget challenges and the likelihood of further agency rating downgrades.

In contrast, we continued to emphasize essential service revenue bonds and, within this area, we made several tactical adjustments during the reporting period. We increased the Fund s exposure to Transportation and Health Care bonds, as we continued to find them to be attractively valued. In contrast, we allowed the Fund s exposure to the Pre-refundediv sector to fall in order to pursue more attractive opportunities.

The Fund employed U.S. Treasury futures during the reporting period to manage durationy. Overall, this strategy detracted from the Fund s performance.

#### Performance review

For the twelve months ended May 31, 2010, Western Asset Managed Municipals Fund Inc. returned 15.44% based on its net asset value (NAV) vi and 23.29% based on its New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) market price per share. The Funds unmanaged benchmark, the Barclays Capital Municipal Bond Index, returned 8.52% for the same period. The Lipper General Municipal Debt (Leveraged) Closed-End Funds Category Averagevii returned 18.69% over the same time frame. Please note that Lipper performance returns are based on each funds NAV.

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During this twelve-month period, the Fund made distributions to shareholders totaling \$0.72 per share. The performance table shows the Fund s twelve-month total return based on its NAV and market price as of May 31, 2010. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** 

#### Performance Snapshot as of May 31, 2010

Price Per Share 12-Month Total Return\*

\$12.84 (NAV)

\$12.90 (Market Price)	23.29%
All figures represent past performance and are not a guarantee of future r	results.
* Total returns are based on changes in NAV or market price, respectively additional shares in accordance with the Fund s Dividend Reinvestment P	
Q. What were the leading contributors to performance?	
<b>A.</b> The largest contributor to the Fund s relative performance during the report This duration strategy positively impacted performance as municipal yields decalso beneficial. In particular, the Fund was rewarded for its underweight to the securities with 20+ year maturities. This positioning was beneficial because long that of their shorter-term counterparts.	clined over the period. The Fund s yield curveviii positioning was two- to five-year portion of the curve and its overweight to
Our overweight to the Industrial Revenue sector also significantly enhanced ressignificantly contributed to performance. These securities, which are backed by 2008 given the turmoil in the financial markets. However, as a number of broke government initiatives such as the Troubled Asset Relief Program ( TARP ) a rebounded sharply.	certain broker/dealers, had performed poorly during much of er/dealers changed their status to bank holding companies and
Elsewhere, an overweight to the strong-performing Health Care sector and an u contributed to relative performance.	underweight to the underperforming State and Local GO sectors
Finally, the Fund s use of leverage contributed to results as the leverage amplit reporting period.	fied the positive performance in the municipal market during the
Q. What were the leading detractors from performance?	
<b>A.</b> The largest detractor from relative performance for the period was the Fund was, in part, due to the Fund s lack of exposure to securities in the low-quality	

to lower-quality/higher-risk securities, it would have boosted its relative outperformance even further. However, given the ongoing economic

and fiscal challenges in the U.S., we did not believe that assuming more risk for the portfolio was appropriate.

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Looking for additional information?	
The Fund is traded under the symbol MMU and its closing market price is available in most newspapers under the NYSE listings. T NAV is available on-line under the symbol XMMUX on most financial websites. <i>Barron s</i> and the <i>Wall Street Journal s</i> Monday carry closed-end fund tables that provide additional information. In addition, the Fund issues a quarterly press release that can be found major financial websites as well as www.leggmason.com/cef.	edition both
In a continuing effort to provide information concerning the Fund, shareholders may call 1-888-777-0102 (toll free), Monday through I from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, for the Fund s current NAV, market price and other information.	Friday
Thank you for your investment in Western Asset Managed Municipals Fund Inc. As always, we appreciate that you have chosen us to a your assets and we remain focused on achieving the Fund s investment goals.	manage
Sincerely,	
Western Asset Management Company	
June 15, 2010	
RISKS: Fixed-income investments are subject to interest rate risk. As interest rates rise, the price of fixed-income investments declines Lower-rated, higher-yielding bonds are subject to greater credit risk than higher-rated investment grade securities. Derivatives are sunumber of risks such as liquidity risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, leveraging risk, management risk, and may disproportionately increlosses and could have a potentially large impact on Fund performance. Leverage may result in greater volatility of NAV and market procommon shares and may increase a shareholder s risk of loss.	bject to a ease

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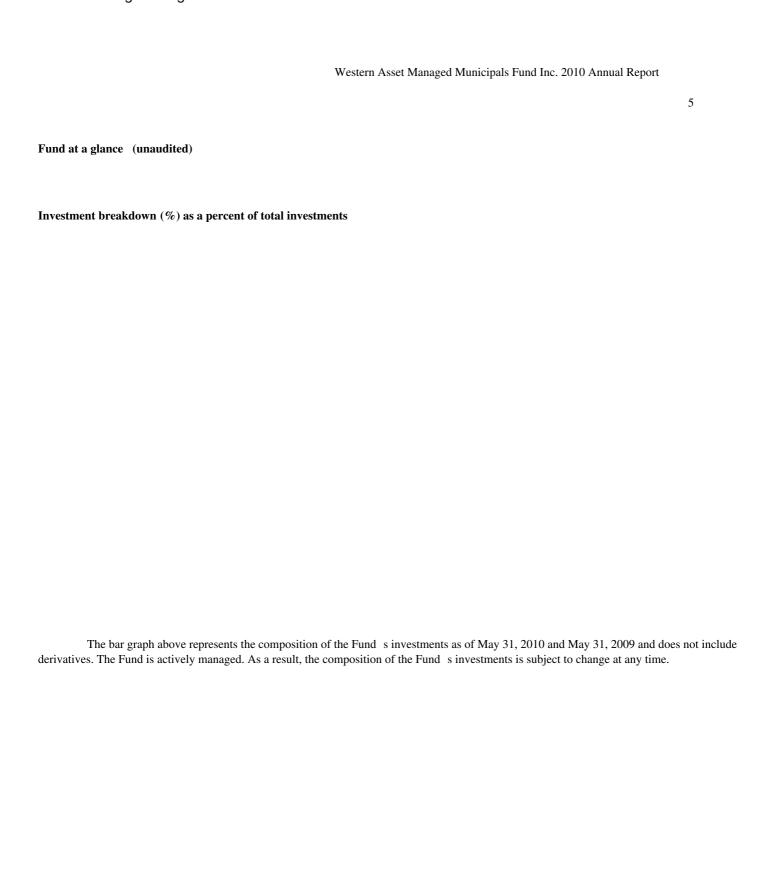
future investments. The Fund s portfolio composition is subject to change at any time.

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- 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).
- v 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.
- vi 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.
- vii Lipper, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reuters, provides independent insight on global collective investments. Returns are based on the twelve-month period ended May 31, 2010, including the reinvestment of all distributions, including returns of capital, if any, calculated among the 62 funds in the Fund s Lipper category.
- viii The yield curve is the graphical depiction of the relationship between the yield on bonds of the same credit quality but different maturities.
- 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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## Schedule of investments

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		Maturity	Face	
Security	Rate	Date	Amount	Value
Municipal Bonds 99.8%				
Arizona 3.6%				
Greater Arizona Development Authority, Development Authority				
Infrastructure Revenue, Pinal County Road Project, NATL	5.000%	8/1/19	\$ 3,705,000	\$ 3,970,130
Phoenix, AZ, Civic Improvement Corp. Airport Revenue, Senior				
Lien, FGIC	5.250%	7/1/22	3,000,000	3,046,410(a)
Phoenix, AZ, GO	5.000%	7/1/27	1,000,000	1,046,980(b)
Salt Verde, AZ, Financial Corp. Gas Revenue	5.000%	12/1/32	10,000,000	9,069,700
Salt Verde, AZ, Financial Corp. Gas Revenue	5.000%	12/1/37	10,040,000	8,912,508
Salt Verde, AZ, Financial Corp. Senior Gas Revenue	5.250%	12/1/28	2,000,000	1,937,900
Total Arizona				27,983