

KARPUS MANAGEMENT INC

Form SC 13D/A

February 14, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A  
(Amendment No. 31)  
Under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

Salomon Brothers Municipal Partners Fund, Inc.  
(MNP)  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock  
(Title of Class of Securities)

794916106  
(CUSIP Number)

George W. Karpus, President  
Karpus Management, Inc. d/b/a  
Karpus Investment Management  
183 Sully's Trail  
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(Name, Address, and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

February 14, 2006  
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1 (b) (3) or (4), check the following box. [ ]

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There is one exhibit attached.

Item 1. Security and Issuer

Common Stock  
Salomon Brothers Municipal Partners Fund, Inc.  
Salomon Brothers Asset Management  
125 Broad Street, 10th Floor, MF-2  
New York, New York 10004

Item 2. Identity and Background

(a) Karpus Management, Inc. d/b/a Karpus Investment Management (?KIM?), George W. Karpus, President, Director and Controlling Stockholder, Jo Ann Van Degriff, Vice-President and Director, and Sophie Karpus, Director.

(b) The address of KIM's principal place of business and principal office is 183 Sully's Trail, Pittsford, New York 14534.

(c) Principal business and occupation ? Investment Management for individuals, pension and profit sharing plans, corporations, endowments, trust and others, specializing in conservative asset management (i.e. fixed income investments).

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(d) None of George W. Karpus, Jo Ann Van Degriff, or Sophie Karpus (?the Principals?) or KIM has been convicted in the past five years of any criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations).

(e) During the last five years none of the principals or KIM has been a party to a civil proceeding as a result of which any of them is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) Each of the Principals is a United States citizen. KIM is a New York corporation.

### Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Considerations

KIM, an independent investment advisor, has accumulated shares of MNP on behalf of accounts that are managed by KIM (?the Accounts?) under limited powers of attorney. All funds that have been utilized in making such purchases are from such Accounts.

### Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

(a) KIM has purchased Shares for investment purposes. Being primarily a fixed income manager, with a specialty focus in the closed end fund sector, the profile of MNP fit the investment guidelines for various Accounts. Shares have been acquired since December 8, 2000.

(b) A press release announcing that a settlement agreement has been reached with the Fund, as well as the basic terms of that settlement agreement is attached hereto (Exhibit 1).

### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a) As of the date of this Report, KIM owns 329,340 shares, which represents 5.72% of the outstanding Shares. George Karpus presently owns 9,500 shares purchased on April 16, 2001 at \$12.50 (10,000 shares) and April 11, 2003 at \$13.33 (5,000 shares). He sold on January 20 & 25 at \$13.81 (200 shares), February 10 at \$13.96 (50 shares), and February 18 at \$13.69 (200 shares), June 22, 2005 at \$13.89 (250 shares), June 27 & 28 at \$13.89 ( 150 shares), June 28 at \$13.87 (100 shares), June 29 at \$13.83 and \$ 13.84 ( 200 shares), June 29 & 30 at \$13.89 & \$ 13.88 (750 shares), and June 29 & 30 at \$13.87 & \$ 13.94 ( 500 shares), July 5, 2005 at \$13.87 (300 shares), July 6 & 7 at \$13.89 ( 900 shares), July 7 at \$13.85 & \$13.86 (300 shares), July 7 & 8 at \$13.88 & \$13.89 (500 shares), July 11 & 12 at \$13.87 & \$13.88 (300 shares), July 13 & 14 at \$13.87 & \$13.88 (600 shares), and July 18 at \$13.91 (100 shares). Karpus Management, Inc. currently owns 300 shares purchased on August 11, 2005 at \$14.02. Urbana Partners, L.P. is a hedge fund managed by Karpus Investment Management, of which George W. Karpus owns 5.71%. Urbana Partners, L.P. currently owns 5,300 shares. None of the other Principals presently own shares.

(b) KIM has the sole power to dispose of and to vote all of such Shares under limited powers of attorney.

(c) The first open market purchase occurred on December 8, 2000 as previously reported. Open market purchases for the last 60 days for the Accounts. There have been no dispositions and no acquisitions,

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other than by such open market purchases, during such period.

Date  
Shares  
Price Per Share

Date  
Shares  
Price Per Share  
12/30/2005  
2600  
13.58

1/4/2006  
100  
13.59

1/10/2006  
900  
13.94

The Accounts have the right to receive all dividends from, any proceeds from the sale of the Shares. KIM reserves the right to further accumulate or sell shares. None of the Accounts has an interest in shares constituting more than 5% of the Shares outstanding.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings, or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

On February 13, 2006, George W. Karpus, Karpus Management, Inc. (d/b/a Karpus Investment Management) and its directors, officers and all of its respective affiliates entered into a settlement agreement with Salomon Brothers Municipal Partners Fund, Inc. (the "Settlement Agreement"). The summary of the settlement reached by Karpus and the Fund referred to in the press release is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the settlement agreement reached, which has been filed by the Fund with the SEC (available for free at <http://www.sec.gov>). Karpus, the Fund and SBAM have agreed not to make any additional public statements relating to the settlement. Except for the Settlement Agreement, there are no contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships of any kind among the Principals and KIM and between any of them and any other person with respect to any of the MNP securities.

Item 7. Materials to be Filed as Exhibits

Not applicable.

SIGNATURE

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete, and correct.

Karpus Management, Inc.

By:

Name: Sharon L.Thornton

Title: Director of Investment Personnel and Senior Analyst

Dated: February 14, 2006

EXHIBIT ONE

Press Release Announcing Settlement Agreement

Transmitted February 13, 2006

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Karpus Investment Management Announces  
Settlement with Salomon Brothers Funds

Pittsford, New York, February 13, 2006 ? Karpus Management, Inc. (?Karpus?), which is one of the largest shareholders of Salomon Brothers Inflation Management Fund Inc. (?IMF?), Salomon Brothers Municipal Partners Fund Inc. (?MNP?) and Salomon Brothers Municipal Partners Fund II Inc. (?MPT?), announces that it has reached settlement agreements with Salomon Brothers Asset Management (?SBAM?) pertaining to each of these Funds.

Material terms include: (1) an immediate 10% tender offer at 98% of net asset value for IMF and MNP; (2) 5% semi-annual tender offers at 98% of NAV in 2007 and 2008, contingent upon discounts to NAV exceeding 5% for defined periods; (3) the commitment of the Boards of Directors of MPT and MNP to propose to shareholders a merger of MNP and MPT by July 2007; and (4) Karpus agreeing to terminate its existing proxy contests with the Funds and all outstanding litigation related thereto. The settlement agreements are also conditioned on shareholder approvals of the new management agreement between IMF and SBAM and MNP and SBAM. Karpus believes that such a settlement could not have been achieved without the strong support it received from so many large and small shareholders of the Funds.

Karpus commends the Funds' Boards with respect to these actions taken in response to the concerns of shareholders. The settlement agreements represent a strong, positive movement toward enhancing shareholder value for all holders of the Funds. As such, Karpus supports the proposed new management agreement as well as the director nominees indicated on IMF's annual proxy statement, dated January 13, 2006.

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THE SUMMARY OF THE SETTLEMENTS REACHED BY KARPUS AND THE FUNDS REFERRED TO IN THIS PRESS RELEASE IS QUALIFIED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO THE FULL TEXT OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS REACHED, WHICH WILL BE FILED BY THE FUNDS WITH THE SEC (AVAILABLE FOR FREE AT [HTTP://WWW.SEC.GOV](http://www.sec.gov)). KARPUS, THE FUNDS AND SBAM HAVE AGREED NOT TO MAKE ANY ADDITIONAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENTS.

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END OF RELEASE

Karpus Investment Management is an independent, fee-based Registered Investment Advisory firm with offices at 183 Sully's Trail, Pittsford, New York 14534.