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Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Shareholder:

We present this semiannual report for Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc., covering the six-month period from December 1, 2001 through May 31, 2002. Inside, you' ll find valuable information about how the fund was managed during the reporting period, including a discussion with the fund's portfolio manager, James Welch.

We have recently seen signs of economic recovery, which may signal an end to the U.S. economic recession. As the economy has gained strength, however, prices of stocks and many bonds have fluctuated widely. The war on terror, instability in the Middle East and South Asia, and new disclosures of questionable accounting and management practices among U.S. corporations have buffeted the financial markets, making the short-term movements of stocks and bonds particularly volatile.

Indeed, the markets' directions become clearer only when viewed from a perspective measured in years rather than weeks or months. Although you may become excited about the opportunities or worried about the challenges presented for growth or income under current market conditions, we encourage you to think first of your long-term goals and attitudes toward risk. As always, we urge you to talk with a professional financial advisor who can help you navigate the right course to financial security for yourself and your family. For our part, and as we have for more than 50 years, we at The Dreyfus Corporation are ready

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to serve you with a full range of investment alternatives and experienced teams of portfolio managers.

Thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Sincerely,

Stephen E. Canter  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
The Dreyfus Corporation  
June 17, 2002

### DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

James Welch, Portfolio Manager

How did Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc. perform during the period?

For the six-month period ended May 31, 2002, the fund achieved a total return of 3.00% .(1) During the same period, the fund produced aggregate income dividends of \$0.2802 per share, which is equal to an annualized distribution rate of 6.66% .. (2)

We are generally pleased with the fund's performance during the reporting period. Declining short-term interest rates early in the reporting period generally supported prices of long-term municipal bonds. The fund's focus on credit quality also benefited its performance throughout the reporting period.

What is the fund's investment approach?

The fund seeks high current income exempt from federal income tax by investing in long-term, tax-exempt municipal bonds.

In so doing, we look for bonds that we believe can provide high current income. We strive to find such opportunities through analysis of individual bonds' structures. Within the context of our bond structure analyses, we pay particularly close attention to each bond's maturity and early redemption features.

Over time, many of the fund's older, higher yielding bonds have matured or were redeemed by their issuers. We have generally attempted to replace those bonds with new securities that offered currently higher than average income payments. We have also sought to upgrade the fund with newly issued bonds that, in our opinion, have better structural or income characteristics than existing holdings. When such opportunities arise, we usually sell bonds that are close to their optimal redemption date or maturity. In addition, we conduct credit analysis of our holdings in an attempt to avoid potential defaults on interest and principal payments.

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### DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

What other factors influenced the fund's performance?

The fund benefited from lower interest rates and a weakening economy during the reporting period. Because the September 11 terrorist attacks pushed the economy into recession, the Federal Reserve Board (the "Fed") continued to reduce

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short-term interest rates through the end of 2001, driving the federal funds rate to its lowest level in 40 years. As a result, yields on municipal bonds continued to fall, and their prices generally rose. Municipal bond prices were also supported by robust investor demand, particularly from individuals seeking stable alternatives to a volatile stock market.

When the reporting period began, we had already begun to move to a relatively defensive posture in the belief that the Fed's work was nearly done. After bond prices had risen in a declining interest-rate environment, we locked in profits on securities with relatively low yields and high sensitivity to interest-rate changes. We replaced these bonds with more defensive securities that have historically held their value when the economy improves and interest rates rise

In addition, we attempted to reduce the amount of volatility in the fund's portfolio by intensifying our focus on high quality securities. As part of that effort, we reduced the fund's exposure to the steel and airline industries, which were hit hard by the weak economy and September 11 terrorist attacks. Our security selection strategy was also designed to reduce the fund's exposure to bonds whose income may be subject to the federal Alternative Minimum Tax.

Finally, we locked in low prevailing interest rates on the fund's auction-rate preferred shares, which were first issued several years ago. By extending the maturities of the fund's auction-rate preferred shares to as long as one year, we have effectively locked in today's historically low borrowing costs.

What is the fund's current strategy?

We have generally maintained the fund's conservative security selection strategy in anticipation of a rising interest-rate environment, which we believe may begin later this year. At the same time, we have continued to focus on the long end of the maturity spectrum, where income opportunities have tended to be greatest.

We have also continued to upgrade the fund's overall credit quality. Because the yield differences among high quality and lower quality securities were relatively small at times during the reporting period, we were able to improve the fund's credit quality without sacrificing income. In addition, we have attempted to improve the fund's level of diversification by reducing its industrial and corporate-backed holdings in favor of income-oriented bonds backed by revenues generated by public facilities. Of course, we are prepared to change our strategy and the portfolio's composition as market conditions evolve

June 17, 2002

(1) TOTAL RETURN INCLUDES REINVESTMENT OF DIVIDENDS AND ANY CAPITAL GAINS PAID, BASED UPON NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE. PAST PERFORMANCE IS NO GUARANTEE OF FUTURE RESULTS. INCOME MAY BE SUBJECT TO STATE AND LOCAL TAXES, AND SOME INCOME MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE FEDERAL ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX (AMT) FOR CERTAIN INVESTORS. CAPITAL GAINS, IF ANY, ARE FULLY TAXABLE.

(2) DISTRIBUTION RATE PER SHARE IS BASED UPON DIVIDENDS PER SHARE PAID FROM NET INVESTMENT INCOME DURING THE PERIOD ANNUALIZED, DIVIDED BY THE MARKET PRICE PER SHARE AT THE END OF THE PERIOD.

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

May 31, 2002 (Unaudited)

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## STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

	Pri Amo
LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS--142.9%	
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ALASKA--5.0%	
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation:	
6.25%, 6/1/2035 (Insured; MBIA)	7,8
6.05%, 6/1/2039 (Insured; MBIA)	12,1
ARIZONA--1.9%	
Apache County Industrial Development Authority, PCR	
(Tuscon Electric Power Co.) 5.85%, 3/1/2028	8,5
ARKANSAS--1.3%	
Arkansas Development Finance Authority, SFMR	
6.25%, 1/1/2032	5,0
CALIFORNIA--3.2%	
California Health Facilities Financing Authority,	
Health Facility Financing Revenue	
(Cedars-Sinai Medical Center) 6.25%, 12/1/2034	3,7
California Pollution Control Financing Authority, PCR	
(Southern California Edison Company)	
7%, 2/28/2008	5,0
Los Angeles Regional Airports	
Improvement Corporation, LR:	
(International Airport--Delta) 6.35%, 11/1/2025	2,7
(Terminal Four Project) 7.50%, 12/1/2024	2,0
COLORADO--.9%	
Colorado Health Facilities Authority, Revenue	
(American Housing Foundation 1, Inc.)	
10.25%, 12/1/2020	5,6
Northwest Parkway Public Highway Authority,	
Revenue (First Tier Subordinated)	
7.125%, 6/15/2041	2,0
CONNECTICUT--2.7%	
Connecticut Development Authority, PCR	

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(Connecticut Light and Power) 5.95%, 9/1/2028	11,0
DELAWARE--1.4%	
Delaware Health Facilities Authority, Revenue	
(Beebe Medical Center) 6.80%, 6/1/2024	5,9
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA--3.3%	
District of Columbia Tobacco Settlement	
Financing Authority 6.75%, 5/15/2040	7,0
Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority,	
Special Facilities Revenue	
(Caterair International Corp.) 10.125%, 9/1/2011	6,5
LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)	Pri Amo
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FLORIDA--7.3%	
Florida Housing Finance Corporation, Housing Revenue	
(Seminole Ridge Apartments)	
6%, 4/1/2041 (Collateralized; GNMA)	6,4
Florida Board of Education, Capital Outlay	
10.90%, 6/1/2019	15,0
Orange County Health Facilities Authority, Revenue	
(Orlando Regional Healthcare System)	
6%, 10/1/2026	3,5
South Lake County Hospital District, Revenue	
(South Lake Hospital, Inc.) 5.80%, 10/1/2034	5,2
GEORGIA--2.3%	
Private Colleges and Universities Facilities	
Authority, Revenue (Clark Atlanta University)	
8.25%, 1/1/2015 (Prerefunded 1/1/2003)	8,9
IDAHO--1.3%	
Idaho Housing & Finance Association, SFMR	
6.35%, 1/1/2030 (Collateralized; FNMA)	2,5
Power County Industrial Development Corporation,	
SWDR (FMC Corporation Project) 6.45%, 8/1/2032	3,0

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ILLINOIS--5.2%

Illinois Development Finance Authority, Revenue:

(Community Rehabilitation Providers Facilities  
Acquisition Program) 6.05%, 7/1/2019

5,2

HR (Adventist Health Systems / Sunbelt)  
5.50%, 11/15/2029

Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue:

(OSF Healthcare Systems) 6.25%, 11/15/2029

12,0

(Advocate Network Health Care)  
6.125%, 11/15/2022

4,0

INDIANA--4.7%

Burns Harbor Industrial Solid Waste Disposal Facilities,  
Revenue (Bethlehem Steel Corp.) 8%, 4/1/2024

6,0

Franklin Township School Building Corporation

6.125%, 1/15/2022 (Prerefunded 7/15/2010)

6,0

Indianapolis Airport Authority, Revenue

(United Air Lines) 6.50%, 11/15/2031

12,0

Jasper County, EDR (Georgia Pacific Corp.)

5.60%, 4/1/2029

5,0

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (CONTINUED)

LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

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LOUISIANA--6.0%

Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal,  
District Port Facilities Revenue

(Trunkline LNG Co.) 7.75%, 8/15/2022

15,0

Parish of De Soto, Environmental Improvement  
Revenue (International Paper Co.)  
6.55%, 4/1/2019

2,9

West Feliciana Parish, PCR:

(Entergy Gulf States) 6.60%, 9/1/2028

4,0

(Gulf States) 5.80%, 12/1/2015

2,5

MARYLAND--.7%

Baltimore County, PCR (Bethlehem Steel Corp.)

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7.50%, 6/1/2015	5,0
Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority, EDR (Medical Waste Associates Limited Partnership) 8.75%, 11/15/2010	4,1
MASSACHUSETTS--1.0%	
Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue (Beth Israel Hospital) 10.28%, 7/1/2025 (Insured; AMBAC)	3,2
Pittsfield, SWDR (Vicon Recovery Associates) 7.95%, 11/1/2004	8
MICHIGAN--2.3%	
Michigan Hospital Finance Authority, HR (Genesys Health System Obligated Group) 8.125%, 10/1/2021 (Prerefunded 10/1/2005)	5,0
Michigan Strategic Fund, SWDR (Genesee Power Station) 7.50%, 1/1/2021	4,0
MISSISSIPPI--3.1%	
Lowndes County SWDR and PCR (Weyerhaeuser Company Project) 6.70%, 4/1/2022	2,0
Mississippi Business Finance Corporation, PCR (Systems Energy Resources, Inc.) 5.90%, 5/1/2022	11,0
MISSOURI--2.3%	
Jackson County Industrial Development Authority, Health Facilities Revenue (Carondelet Health Corp.) 9%, 7/1/2020	6,4
Saint Louis Industrial Development Authority (Saint Louis Convention) 7.25%, 12/15/2035	3,2
LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)	Pri Amo
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NEBRASKA--.9%	
Nebraska Investment Finance Authority, SFMR 10.149%, 3/1/2026	3,5



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NEVADA--3.4%

Clark County, IDR

(Southwest Gas Corporation) 6.50%, 12/1/2033

5,0

Washoe County (Reno-Sparks Convention) 6.40%,  
7/1/2029 (Insured; FSA, Prerefunded 1/1/2010)

8,0

NEW HAMPSHIRE--3.5%

New Hampshire Business Finance Authority, PCR

(Public Service Co.):

6%, Series D 5/1/2021 (Insured; MBIA)

2,6

6%, Series E 5/1/2021 (Insured; MBIA)

6,0

New Hampshire Industrial Development Authority, PCR

(Connecticut Light) 5.90%, 11/1/2016

5,4

NEW JERSEY--4.4%

New Jersey Economic Development Authority:

First Mortgage Revenue (The Evergreens)  
9.25%, 10/1/2022 (Prerefunded 10/1/2002)

4,9

Special Facilities Revenue (Continental Airlines, Inc.):

6.40%, 9/15/2023

7,0

7.20%, 11/15/2030

7,0

NEW YORK--1.2%

New York State Dormitory Authority, Revenue:

Judicial Facility Lease (Suffolk County)  
9.50%, 4/15/2014

6

(Marymount Manhattan College) 6.25%, 7/1/2029

4,0

NORTH CAROLINA--.6%

North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency,

Power Systems Revenue 6.70%, 1/1/2019

2,5

OHIO--4.0%

Cuyahoga County, HR (Metrohealth Systems)

6.15%, 2/15/2029

10,0

Ohio Air Quality Development Authority, PCR

6.10%, 8/1/2020

2,4

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Ohio Water Development Authority, PCR

(Cleveland Electric) 6.10%, 8/1/2020

4,0

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (CONTINUED)

LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Pri  
Amo

OKLAHOMA--3.5%

Oklahoma Development Finance Authority, Revenue

(St. John Health System) 6%, 2/15/2029

9,0

Oklahoma Industries Authority,  
Health System Revenue (Obligation Group)  
5.75%, 8/15/2029 (Insured; MBIA)

5,0

OREGON--1.3%

Oregon Department of Transportation

Highway User Tax Revenue 5.50%, 11/15/2021

5,0

PENNSYLVANIA--5.4%

Allegheny County Port Authority, Special Transportation  
Revenue 6.125%, 3/1/2029 (Insured; MBIA,  
Prerefunded 3/1/2009)

4,7

Beaver County Industrial Development Authority, PCR

(Cleveland Electric) 7.625%, 5/1/2025

8,8

Pennsylvania Economic Development  
Financing Authority RRR (Northhampton

Generating Project) 6.60%, 1/1/2019

4,2

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency,

Multi-Family Development Revenue

8.25%, 12/15/2019

2

Sayre Health Care Facilities Authority, Revenue

(Guthrie Health ) 6.25%, 12/1/2018

3,0

RHODE ISLAND--1.5%

Rhode Island Health & Educational Building  
Corporation Higher Educational Facilities

(University of Rhode Island)

5.875%, 9/15/2029 (Insured; MBIA)

5,9

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SOUTH CAROLINA--3.9%

South Carolina Medical Facilities, Hospital Facilities

Revenue 6%, 7/1/2019

5,0

Tobacco Settlement Revenue Management Authority,

Tobacco Settlement Revenue 6.375%, 5/15/2028

11,0

TENNESSEE--3.9%

Memphis Center City Revenue Finance Corp.

Sports Facility Revenue

(Memphis Redbirds) 6.50%, 9/1/2028

6,0

Tennessee Housing Development Agency

(Homeownership Program):

6%, 1/1/2028

5,2

6.40%, 7/1/2031

4,8

LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Pri  
Amo

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TEXAS--19.4%

Alliance Airport Authority Inc., Special Facilities Revenue

(American Airlines Inc. Project)

7.50%, 12/1/2029

2,5

Austin (Convent Station) 6.70%, 1/1/2032

4,2

Gregg County Health Facilities Development

Corporation, HR (Good Shepherd Medical Center)

6.375%, 10/1/2025

2,5

Harris County Health Facilities Development

Corporation, HR:

(Memorial Hermann Healthcare)

6.375%, 6/1/2029

7,0

(St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital)

5.375%, 2/15/2026

5,0

Houston Airport System, Special Facilities Revenue

(Airport Improvement Continental Airlines)

6.125%, 7/15/2017

6,0

Katy Independent School District

6.125%, 2/15/2032

11,3

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Sabine River Authority, PCR (TXU Electric):

6.45%, 6/1/2021 3,0

5.50%, 5/1/2022 6,0

Springhill Courtland Heights  
Public Facility Corp. MFHR

5.85%, 12/1/2028 6,0

Texas:

(Veterans ) 6.00%, 12/1/2030 3,9

(Veterans Housing Assistance Program)  
6.10%, 6/1/2031 8,5

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs,

Collateralized Home Mortgage Revenue

11.995%, 7/2/2024 6,0

Tomball Hospital Authority, Revenue

6.125%, 7/1/2023 2,2

Tyler Health Facilities Development Corp., HR

(East Texas Medical Center Regional

Health Care System) 6.75%, 11/1/2025 5,8

UTAH--1.3%

Carbon County, SWDR (Sunnyside Cogeneration):

7.10%, 8/15/2023 4,7

Zero Coupon 8/15/2024 1,5

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (CONTINUED)

LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Pri  
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VIRGINIA--6.6%

Henrico County Industrial Development Authority,  
Revenue (Bon Secours Health Care System)  
10.174%, 8/23/2027

7,5

Virginia Housing Development Authority:

MFHR 7.05%, 5/1/2018 9,6

Rental Housing 6.20%, 8/1/2024 8,5

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WASHINGTON--6.6%

Energy Northwest, Revenue:

Electric 9.67%, 7/1/2017 10,0

(Wind Project) 6%, 7/1/2023 3,5

Port Seattle Special Facilities Revenue

(Northwest Airlines Project) 7.25%, 4/1/2030 2,3

Washington Higher Education Facilities Authority,  
Revenue (Whitman College) 5.875%, 10/1/2029 10,0

WISCONSIN--11.7%

Badger TOB Asset Securitization Corp.

TOB Settlement Revenue 7%, 6/1/2028 13,5

Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority,  
Revenue (Aurora Health Care, Inc.)  
5.60%, 2/15/2029 12,1

Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development  
Authority Homeownership Revenue:

11.148%, 7/1/2025 10,6

6.25%, 9/1/2027 12,3

WYOMING--3.9%

Sweetwater County, SWDR (FMC Corp.):

7%, 6/1/2024 3,3

6.90%, 9/1/2024 2,4

Wyoming Student Loan Corporation,  
Student Loan Revenue

6.20%, 6/1/2024 5,0

6.25%, 6/1/2029 5,0

TOTAL LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS

(cost \$605,088,449)

SHORT-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS--.2%

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LOUISIANA--.2%

East Baton Rouge Parish, PCR, VRDN

(Exxon Project) 1.60% 8

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WYOMING--.0%

Uinta County, PCR, VRDN

(Amoco Project) 1.55%

TOTAL SHORT-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS

(cost \$900,000)

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TOTAL INVESTMENTS (cost \$605,988,449)

CASH AND RECEIVABLES (NET)

PREFERRED STOCK, AT REDEMPTION VALUE

NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (CONTINUED)

Summary of Abbreviations

AMBAC	American Municipal Bond Assurance Corporation
COP	Certificate of Participation
EDR	Economic Development Revenue
FNMA	Federal National Mortgage Association
FSA	Financial Security Assurance
GNMA	Government National Mortgage Association
HR	Hospital Revenue
IDR	Industrial Development Revenue
LR	Lease Revenue
LOC	Letter of Credit
MBIA	Municipal Bond Investors Assurance Insurance Corporation
MFHR	Multi-Family Housing Revenue
PCR	Pollution Control Revenue
RRR	Resources Recovery Revenue
SFMR	Single Family Mortgage Revenue

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SWDR Solid Waste Disposal Revenue

VRDN Variable Rate Demand Notes

Summary of Combined Ratings (Unaudited)

Fitch	or	Moody's	or	Standard & Poor's
AAA		Aaa		AAA
AA		Aa		AA
A		A		A
BBB		Baa		BBB
BB		Ba		BB
B		B		B
F-1+, F-1		VMIG1,MIG1,P1		SP1,A1
Not Rated (f)		Not Rated (f)		Not Rated (f)

(A) NON-INCOME PRODUCING SECURITY, INTEREST PAYMENTS IN DEFAULT.

(B) INVERSE FLOATER SECURITY--THE INTEREST RATE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE PERIODICALLY.

(C) SECURITIES EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER RULE 144A OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933. THESE SECURITIES MAY BE RESOLD IN TRANSACTIONS EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION, NORMALLY TO QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS. AT MAY 31, 2002, THESE SECURITIES AMOUNTED TO \$42,043,537 OR 10.0% OF NET ASSETS.

(D) BONDS WHICH ARE PREREFUNDED ARE COLLATERALIZED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES WHICH ARE HELD IN ESCROW AND ARE USED TO PAY PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE MUNICIPAL ISSUE AND TO RETIRE THE BONDS IN FULL AT THE EARLIEST REFUNDING DATE.

(E) SECURITIES PAYABLE ON DEMAND. VARIABLE INTEREST RATE SUBJECT TO PERIODIC CHANGE.

(F) SECURITIES WHICH, WHILE NOT RATED BY FITCH, MOODY'S AND STANDARD & POOR'S, HAVE BEEN DETERMINED BY THE INVESTMENT ADVISOR TO BE OF COMPARABLE QUALITY TO THOSE RATED SECURITIES IN WHICH THE FUND MAY INVEST.

SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

May 31, 2002 (Unaudited)

Cost Value

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ASSETS (\$):

Investments in securities--See Statement of

Investments	605,988,449	599,502,190
Cash		62,675
Interest receivable		11,184,027
Prepaid expenses		231,305
		610,980,197

LIABILITIES (\$):

Due to The Dreyfus Corporation and affiliates		383,911
Payable for investment securities purchased		5,240,223
Dividends payable to preferred shareholders		239,217
Commissions payable		66,650
Accrued expenses		200,979
		6,130,980

AUCTION PREFERRED STOCK, Series A, B and C, par value \$.001 per share (7,440 shares issued and outstanding

at \$25,000 per share liquidation)--Note 1 186,000,000

NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS (\$) 418,849,217

COMPOSITION OF NET ASSETS (\$):

Common Stock, par value, \$.001 per share (48,031,336 shares issued and outstanding)		48,031
Paid-in capital		447,817,858
Accumulated undistributed investment income--net		5,159,064
Accumulated net realized gain (loss) on investments		(27,689,477)
Accumulated net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments		(6,486,259)
NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS		418,849,217

COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING

(110 million shares of \$.001 par value Common Stock authorized) 48,031,336



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NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK (\$) 8.72

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Six Months Ended May 31, 2002 (Unaudited)

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INVESTMENT INCOME (\$):

INTEREST INCOME 19,886,066

EXPENSES:

Management fee--Note 3(a) 1,499,836

Commission fees--Note 1 749,918

Administration fee--Note 3(a) 244,607

Professional fees 36,430

Shareholders' reports 33,218

Directors' fees and expenses--Note 3(b) 29,077

Shareholder servicing costs 21,440

Registration fees 17,434

Custodian fees 1,194

Miscellaneous 18,404

TOTAL EXPENSES 2,651,558

INVESTMENT INCOME--NET 17,234,508  
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REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS--NOTE 4 (\$):

Net realized gain (loss) on investments (3,736,678)

Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments 124,820

NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS (3,611,858)

DIVIDENDS ON PREFERRED STOCK (1,666,485)

NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS 11,956,165

SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Six Months Ended  
May 31, 2002

Year Ended

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(Unaudited) November 30, 2001(a)

OPERATIONS (\$):

Investment income--net	17,234,508	34,489,807
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	(3,736,678)	(634,617)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	124,820	5,593,035
Dividends on Preferred Stock	(1,666,485)	(5,551,745)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	11,956,165	33,896,480

DIVIDENDS TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS FROM (\$):

INVESTMENT INCOME--NET	(13,452,906)	(26,833,810)
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CAPITAL STOCK TRANSACTIONS (\$):

DIVIDENDS REINVESTED--NOTE 1(C)	337,170	1,865,059
TOTAL INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	(1,159,571)	8,927,729

NET ASSETS (\$):

Beginning of Period	420,008,788	411,081,059
END OF PERIOD	418,849,217	420,008,788
Undistributed investment income--net	5,159,064	2,887,833

CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS (COMMON SHARES):

INCREASE IN COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING AS A RESULT OF DIVIDENDS REINVESTED	39,069	208,342
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(A) RESTATED TO CONFORM TO CURRENT YEAR'S PRESENTATION.

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The Fund

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following table describes the performance for the fiscal periods indicated. Total return shows how much your investment in the fund would have increased (or decreased) during each period, assuming you had reinvested all dividends and distributions. These figures have been derived from the fund's financial statements and market price data for the fund's shares.

Six Months Ended

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	May 31, 2002	Year Ended		
	(Unaudited) (a)	2001	2000	1999
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PER SHARE DATA (\$):				
Net asset value, beginning of period	8.75	8.60	8.56	9.10
Investment Operations:				
Investment income--net	.36 (b)	.72	.70	.60
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(.08)	.11	.06	(.02)
Dividends on Preferred Stock				
from net investment income	(.03)	(.12)	(.16)	(.16)
Total from Investment Operations	.25	.71	.60	.60
Distributions to Common Shareholders:				
Dividends from investment				
income--net	(.28)	(.56)	(.56)	(.56)
Capital Stock transactions-- net effect of Preferred Stock offering	--	--	(.00) (c)	(.00)
Net asset value, end of period	8.72	8.75	8.60	8.56
Market value, end of period	8.41	8.45	8 1_8	7 11_8
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TOTAL RETURN (%) (D)	2.86 (e)	10.72	13.30	(19.90)

	Six Months Ended May 31, 2002	Year Ended N		
	(Unaudited) (a)	2001	2000	1999
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RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA (%):				
Ratio of expenses to average net assets applicable to Comon Stock	1.28 (f, g, h)	1.27 (f, g)	1.34 (f, g)	1.34
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets applicable to Common Stock	8.32 (f, g, h)	8.10 (f, g)	8.25 (f, g)	6.00
Portfolio Turnover Rate	17.01 (e)	13.36	27.58	32.00
Asset coverage of Preferred				

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Stock, end of period	325	326	321	
Net Assets, net of Preferred Stock, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	418,849	420,009	411,081	408,
Preferred Stock outstanding, end of period (\$ x 1,000) (i)	186,000	186,000	186,000	186,

(A) AS REQUIRED, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2001, THE FUND HAS ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF THE AICPA AUDIT AND ACCOUNTING GUIDE FOR INVESTMENT COMPANIES AND BEGAN AMORTIZING DISCOUNT OR PREMIUM ON A SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR DEBT SECURITIES ON A DAILY BASIS. THE EFFECT OF THIS CHANGE FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MAY 31, 2002 WAS TO INCREASE NET INVESTMENT INCOME PER SHARE AND DECREASE NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS PER SHARE BY LESS THAN \$.01 AND INCREASE THE RATIO OF NET INVESTMENT INCOME TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS FROM 8.29% TO 8.32%. PER SHARE DATA AND RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA FOR PERIODS PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1, 2001 HAVE NOT BEEN RESTATED TO REFLECT THIS CHANGE IN PRESENTATION.

(B) BASED ON AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING AT EACH MONTHS END.

(C) AMOUNT REPRESENTS LESS THAN \$.01 PER SHARE.

(D) CALCULATED BASED ON MARKET VALUE.

(E) NOT ANNUALIZED.

(F) DOES NOT REFLECT THE EFFECT OF DIVIDENDS TO PREFERRED STOCK SHAREHOLDERS.

(G) THE RATIO OF EXPENSES TO TOTAL AVERAGE NET ASSETS AND THE RATIO OF NET INVESTMENT INCOME TO TOTAL AVERAGE NET ASSETS WERE .88% AND 5.75%, RESPECTIVELY, FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED MAY 31, 2002, .89% AND 5.64%, RESPECTIVELY, FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2001, .92% AND 5.64%, RESPECTIVELY, FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2000 AND .84% AND 6.13%, RESPECTIVELY, FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 1999.

(H) ANNUALIZED.

(I) PREFERRED SHARES WERE ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1999.

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The Fund

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

NOTE 1--Significant Accounting Policies:

Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc. (the "fund") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Act"), as a diversified closed-end management investment company. The fund's investment objective is to maximize current income exempt from federal income tax to the extent believed by the fund's investment adviser to be consistent with the preservation of capital. The Dreyfus Corporation ("Dreyfus") serves as the fund's investment adviser and administrator. Dreyfus is a direct subsidiary of Mellon Bank, N.A., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mellon Financial Corporation ("Mellon"). Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company (the "Custodian") acts as the fund's custodian. The Custodian is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mellon. PFPC Global Fund Services ("PFPC"), a subsidiary of PNC Bank ("PNC"), serves as the fund's transfer agent, dividend-paying agent, registrar and plan agent. The fund's Common Stock trades

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on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol DSM.

The fund has outstanding 2,480 shares of each of Series A, Series B and Series C for a total of 7,440 shares of Auction Preferred Stock ("APS"), with a liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share (plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends upon liquidation). APS dividend rates are determined pursuant to periodic auctions. Banker's Trust, as Auction Agent, receives a fee from the fund for its services in connection with such auctions. The fund also compensates broker-dealers generally at an annual rate of .25% of the purchase price of the shares of APS placed by the broker-dealer in an auction.

The fund is subject to certain restrictions relating to the APS. Failure to comply with these restrictions could preclude the fund from declaring any distributions to common shareholders or repurchasing common shares and/or could trigger the mandatory redemption of APS at liquidation value.

The holders of the APS, voting as a separate class, have the right to elect at least two directors. The holders of the APS vote as a separat

class on certain other matters, as required by law. The fund has designated Robin A. Pringle and John E. Zuccotti to represent holders of APS on the fund's Board of Directors.

The fund's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, which may require the use of management estimates and assumptions. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(a) Portfolio valuation: Investments in municipal debt securities (excluding options and financial futures on municipal and U.S. Treasury securities) are valued on the last business day of each week and month by an independent pricing service ("Service") approved by the Board of Directors. Investments for which quoted bid prices are readily available and are representative of the bid side of the market in the judgment of the Service are valued at the mean between the quoted bid prices (as obtained by the Service from dealers in such securities) and asked prices (as calculated by the Service based upon its evaluation of the market for such securities). Other investments (which constitute a majority of the portfolio securities) are carried at fair value as determined by the Service, based on methods which include consideration of: yields or prices of municipal securities of comparable quality, coupon, maturity and type; indications as to values from dealers; and general market conditions. Options and financial futures on municipal securities and U.S. Treasury securities are valued at the last sales price on the securities exchange on which such securities are primarily traded or at the last sales price on the national securities market on the last business day of each week and month.

(b) Securities transactions and investment income: Securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized gain and loss from securities transactions are recorded on the identified cost basis. Interest income, adjusted for amortization of discounts and premiums on investments, is earned from settlement date and recognized on the accrual basis. Securities purchased or sold on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis may be settled a month or more after the trade date.

The Fund

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (CONTINUED)

(c) Dividends to shareholders of Common Stock ("Common Shareholder(s)"): Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividends from investment income-net are declared and paid monthly. Dividends from net realized capital gain, if any, are normally declared and paid at least annually. To the extent

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that net realized capital gain can be offset by capital loss carryovers, it is the policy of the fund not to distribute such gain.

For Common Shareholders who elect to receive their distributions in additional shares of the fund, in lieu of cash, such distributions will be reinvested at the lower of the market price or net asset value per share (but not less than 95% of the market price) based on the record date's respective prices. If the net asset value per share on the record date is lower than the market price per share, shares will be issued by the fund at the record date's net asset value on the payable date of the distribution. If net asset value per share is less than 95% of the market value, shares will be issued by the fund at 95% of the market value. If the market price is lower than the net assets value per share on the record date, PFPC will purchase fund shares in the open market commencing on the payable date and reinvest those shares accordingly. As a result of purchasing fund shares in the open market, fund shares outstanding will not be affected by this form of reinvestment.

On May 30, 2002, the Board of Directors declared a cash dividend to Common Shareholders of \$.0467 per share from investment income-net, payable on June 27, 2002 to Common Shareholders of record as of the close of business on June 13, 2002.

(d) Dividends to Shareholders of APS: For APS, dividends are currently reset annually for Series A and B and every 7 days for Series C. The dividend rate in effect at May 31, 2002 were as follows: Series A -2.07%, Series B -2.25% and Series C -1.50% .

(e) Federal income taxes: It is the policy of the fund to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company, which can distribute tax exempt dividends, by complying with the applicable provisions of the

Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended, and to make distributions of income and net realized capital gain sufficient to relieve it from substantially all federal income and excise taxes.

The fund has an unused capital loss carryover of approximately \$23,760,000 available for federal income tax purposes to be applied against future net securities profits, if any, realized subsequent to November 30, 2001. If not applied, \$4,499,000 of the carryover expires in fiscal 2002, \$9,312,000 expires in fiscal 2003, \$3,964,000 expires in fiscal 2007, \$5,543,000 expires in fiscal 2008 and \$442,000 expires in fiscal 2009.

The tax character of distributions paid to Common shareholders during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2001 was as follows: tax exempt income \$26,833,810. The tax character of current year distributions will be determined at the end of the current fiscal year.

### NOTE 2--Bank Line of Credit:

The fund participates with other Dreyfus-managed funds in a \$100 million unsecured line of credit primarily to be utilized for temporary or emergency purposes, including the financing of redemptions. Interest is charged to the fund based on prevailing market rates in effect at the time of borrowings. During the period ended May 31, 2002, the fund did not borrow under the line of credit.

### NOTE 3--Investment Advisory Fee, Administration Fee and Other Transactions With Affiliates:

(a) The fee payable by the fund, pursuant to the provisions of an Investment Advisory Agreement with Dreyfus, is payable monthly based on an annual rate of .50 of 1% of the value of the fund's average daily net assets. The fund also has

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an Administration Agreement with Dreyfus, a Custody Agreement with the Custodian and a Transfer Agency and Registrar Agreement with PFPC. The fund pays in the aggregate for administration, custody and transfer agency services a The Fun

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monthly fee based on an annual rate of .25 of 1% of the value of the fund's average daily net assets; out-of pocket transfer agency and custody expenses are paid separately by the fund.

(b) Each director who is not an "affiliated person" as defined in the Act receives from the fund an annual fee of \$2,500 and an attendance fee of \$500 per meeting. The Chairman of the Board receives an additional 25% of such compensation and the Director Emeritus receives 50% of such compensation.

#### NOTE 4--Securities Transactions:

The aggregate amount of purchases and sales of investment securities, excluding short-term securities, during the period ended May 31, 2002, amounted to \$114,860,835 and \$100,386,821, respectively.

At May 31, 2002, accumulated net unrealized depreciation on investments was \$6,486,259, consisting of \$22,317,014 gross unrealized appreciation and \$28,803,273 gross unrealized depreciation.

At May 31, 2002, the cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was substantially the same as the cost for financial reporting purposes (see the Statement of Investments).

#### NOTE 5--Change in Accounting Principle:

(a) As required, effective December 1, 2001, the fund has adopted the provisions of the AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide for Investment Companies and began amortizing discount or premium on a scientific basis for debt securities on a daily basis. Prior to December 1, 2001, the fund amortized premiums on debt securities on a scientific basis but recognized market discount upon disposition. The cumulative effect of this accounting change had no impact on total net assets of the fund, but resulted in a \$156,114 increase in accumulated undistributed investment income-net and a corresponding \$156,114 decrease in accumulated net unrealized appreciation (depreciation), based on securities held by the fund on November 30, 2001.

The effect of this change for the period ended May 31, 2002 was to increase net investment income by \$51,786, decrease net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) by \$9,028 and decrease net realized gains (losses) by \$42,758. The statement of changes in net assets and financial highlights for the prior periods have not been restated to reflect this change in presentation.

(b) Effective December 1, 2000, the fund adopted the classification requirement of EITF D-98, Classification and Measurement of Redeemable Securities, EITF D-98 requires that preferred stock for which its redemption is outside of the fund's control should be presented outside of net assets in the statement of assets and liabilities. The redemption of the fund's preferred stock is outside of the control of the fund because of provisions in the fund's Articles Supplementary Creating Three Series of Auction Preferred Stock relating to compliance with rating agency guidelines. In adopting EITF D-98, the fund's net assets as of December 1, 2000 in the statement of changes in net assets is restated by excluding preferred stock valued at \$186,000,000 at that date. The adoption also resulted in dividends on preferred stock being reclassified from distributions on the statement of changes in net assets to a separate line item within the statement of operations. This resulted in a decrease of \$1,666,485 and \$5,551,745 to net assets from operations for the periods ended May 31, 2002 and

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November 30, 2001, respectively. As part of the adoption, per share distributions of dividends on preferred stock was reclassified from distributions to amounts from investment operations for each period presented in the financial highlights.

The Fund

### PROXY RESULTS (Unaudited)

During the period ended May 31, 2002, shareholders of common stock and Auction Preferred Stock, voted together as a single class (except as noted) on the following proposals presented at the annual shareholders' meeting held May 10, 2002. The description of each proposal and the number of shares voted are as follows:

	Shares	
	For	Authority Withheld
To elect three Class III Directors:((+))		
David W. Burke	42,828,211	736,910
Hans C. Mautner	42,831,817	733,304
John E. Zuccotti((+)(+))	6,488	9

((+)) THE TERMS OF THESE CLASS III DIRECTORS EXPIRE IN 2005.

((+)(+)) ELECTED SOLELY BY APS HOLDERS.

### NOTES

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PFPC Global Fund Services

(Common Stock)

Bankers Trust (Auction Preferred Stock)

AUCTION AGENT

Bankers Trust (Auction Preferred Stock)

STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING

NYSE Symbol: DSM

INITIAL SEC EFFECTIVE DATE

11/22/89

THE NET ASSET VALUE APPEARS IN THE FOLLOWING PUBLICATIONS: BARRON'S, CLOSED-END BOND FUNDS SECTION UNDER THE HEADING "MUNICIPAL BOND FUNDS" EVERY MONDAY; WALL STREET JOURNAL, MUTUAL FUNDS SECTION UNDER THE HEADING "CLOSED-END FUNDS" EVERY MONDAY; NEW YORK TIMES, BUSINESS SECTION UNDER THE HEADING "CLOSED-END BOND FUNDS--MUNICIPAL BOND FUNDS" EVERY MONDAY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 23(C) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940, AS AMENDED, THAT THE FUND MAY PURCHASE SHARES OF ITS COMMON STOCK IN THE OPEN MARKET WHEN IT CAN DO SO AT PRICES BELOW THE THEN CURRENT NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE.

The Fund

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