Growing dissatisfaction with the present dispersed urban form and generalized reliance on the automobile has resulted in the formulation of planning models attempting to substitute recentralization to dispersed development. A survey of planning documents with a metropolitan focus, originating from U.S. and Canadian urban regions with a population exceeding one million, reveals widespread support for urban recentralization. The paper addresses the tension between this enthusiasm for recentralization and a difficult implementation environment for transformative urban planning, characterized by constrained public sector finances and neoliberalism-induced scepticism about government intervention.

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