

Roadnet Transfer Order Exports

Purpose of this document

There are two external Routing tools that are used in conjunction with Ceres, Roadnet and Appian. The Roadnet routing system is used by many food banks, and daily transactions can be sent to Roadnet to assist with dynamic routing. Ceres can export donation pickup times, Agency deliveries, and transfers between food bank locations (buildings). This document outlines the Transfer Order portion of the Roadnet Export.

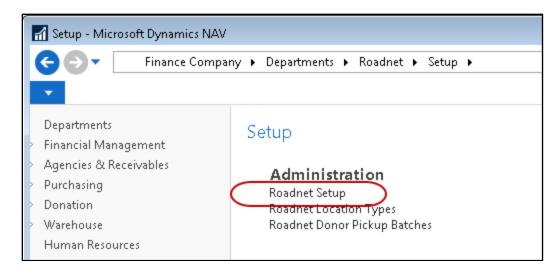
Ceres Object release 5.00.00 is required for the functionality described in this document.

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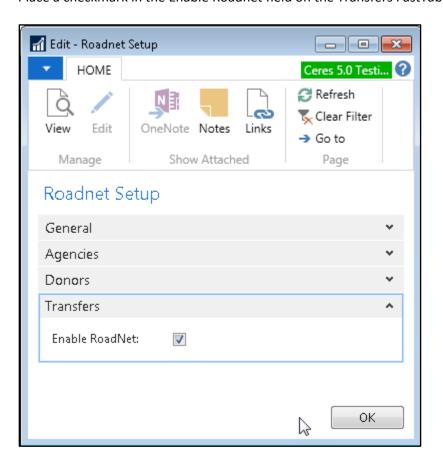
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Roadnet Setup

The transfer routing is sent to Roadnet via an export. Users are able to define the level of information sent. The Roadnet Setup can be accessed from Departments \rightarrow Roadnet \rightarrow Setup \rightarrow Roadnet Setup.



Place a checkmark in the Enable Roadnet field on the Transfers FastTab.



Select the information that should be reported to Roadnet by placing checkmarks in the appropriate fields.



Include Order Type: The export will show a 'T' to indicate a transfer

Include Date Added: The export will relay the posting date from the Transfer Order

Include Special Instructions: Users may enter information in the Special Instructions field on a Transfer Order to indicate delivery rules, contact information, or other information that is pertinent to the transfer. An example might be, "When you arrive, ask for Joe". The export can relay this information.

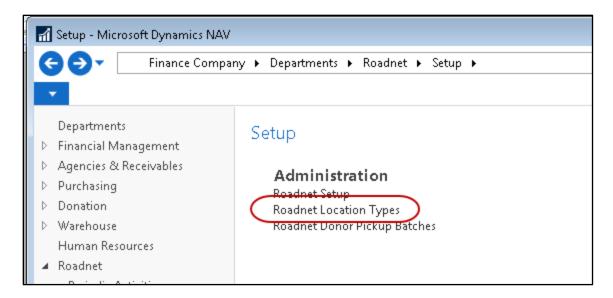
Note: Currently, Order Type and Date Added are mandatory information for Roadnet to process information from Ceres. Leaving these fields unchecked may lead to undesired results.

Roadnet Location Types

Roadnet Location Types are optional fields that can assist your food bank with filtering Transfer Orders that are included in an export. This can help with grouping orders or segregating which orders should be part of Roadnet.

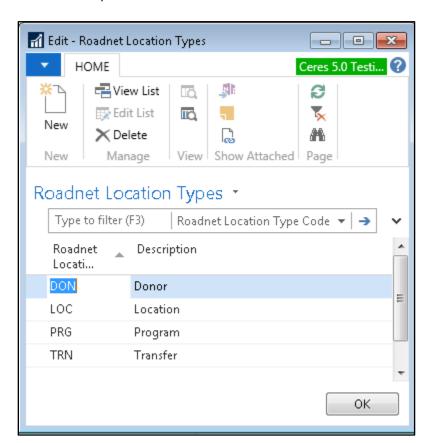
Once the Roadnet Location Types are created, they can be added to Location Cards, which act as the 'customer' that receives product. This information will flow to new Transfer Orders. When the actual export is generated, the Location Type will show as 'BR' to comply with Roadnet formatting standards.

Roadnet Location Types can be accessed from Departments \rightarrow Roadnet \rightarrow Setup \rightarrow Roadnet Location Types.



Create as many codes for the Roadnet Location Types that are applicable to your food bank

Note: Roadnet Location Types are also available for Agency Orders and Donation Orders that are reported to Roadnet



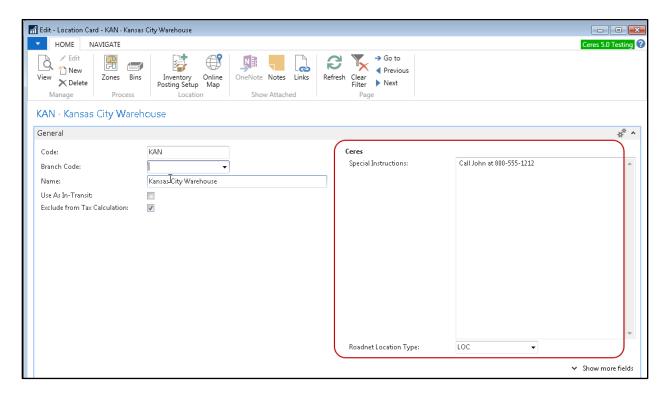
Preparing Locations

To reduce data input, users can setup special instructions and Roadnet Location Types on the Location Card, which flows to new transfers.

The Location Card can be accessed from Departments \rightarrow Warehouse \rightarrow Administration \rightarrow Setup \rightarrow Locations.

Lookup on the Roadnet Location Type field and select a Code

In the Special Instructions field, enter any special instructions that need to be mentioned

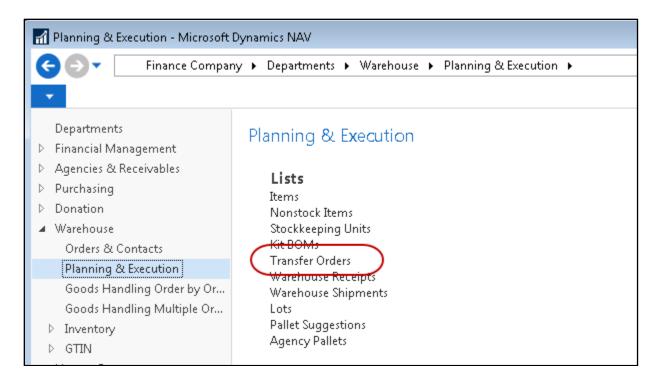


Preparing Transfer Orders

Transfers that are being sent to Roadnet require users to specify pallet counts for the UNC storage requirements for dry, refrigerated, and frozen products. This helps with load planning in the route calculations. Users may optionally indicate special instructions and the Roadnet Location Type to provide further details.

Note: Transfers reported to Roadnet must be exported before a receipt is posted.

Transfer Orders can be accessed from Departments \rightarrow Warehouse \rightarrow Planning & Execution \rightarrow Lists \rightarrow Transfer Orders.



Create a new Transfer or select an existing order

Expand the Transfer-to FastTab

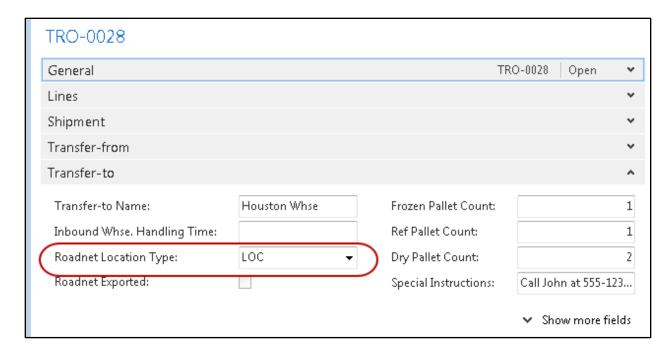
Enter values for the Frozen Pallet Count, Ref Pallet Count, and Dry Pallet Count for each UNC Storage Requirement

Note: These values are included in the export file and are calculated towards the file's totaled Sum Pallet Count field. If the value is left blank, the corresponding value in the export file will be blank.

On the Special Instructions field, enter any special instructions that need to be mentioned

Note: If Special Instructions was checked on the Roadnet Integration Setup form, the Special Instructions will be included with the export.

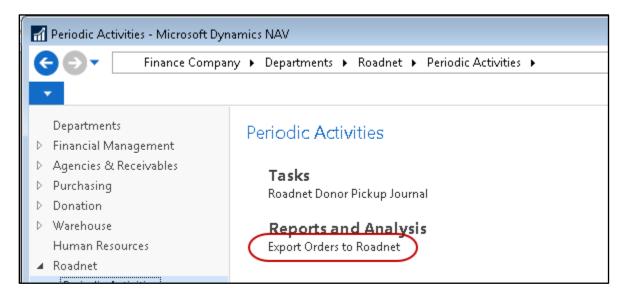
If needed, select the location type for the Roadnet Location Type field



Exporting Transfer Orders

Once transfers have been prepared, users may submit the information to Roadnet for routing. Ceres provides a report where users can review the information, and then export the data to a tab delimited text file for uploading.

The Export Orders to Roadnet report can be accessed from Departments \rightarrow Roadnet \rightarrow Periodic Activities \rightarrow Export Orders to Roadnet.



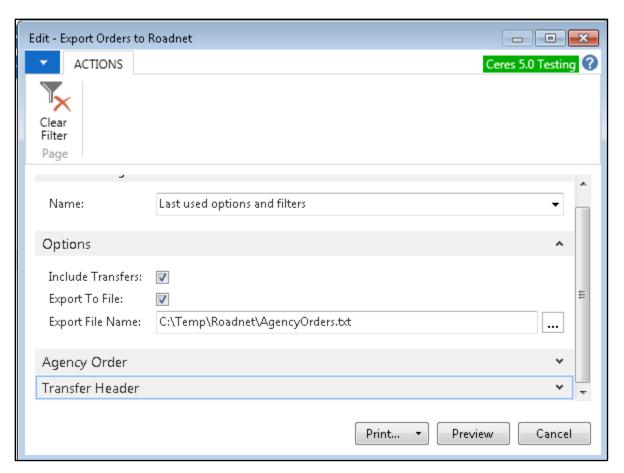
On the Options FastTab, place a checkmark in the Export Transfers field.

Note: If Export Transfers is not selected, the report will attempt to export Agency Orders instead

Place a checkmark in the Export to File field in order to create an export file, or leave it blank to preview the report first

Note: If Export to File is unchecked, Ceres will not update the value of the Roadnet Status field on the Transfer Order(s)

In the Export File Name field, use the ellipses button () to set the name and path for the export file

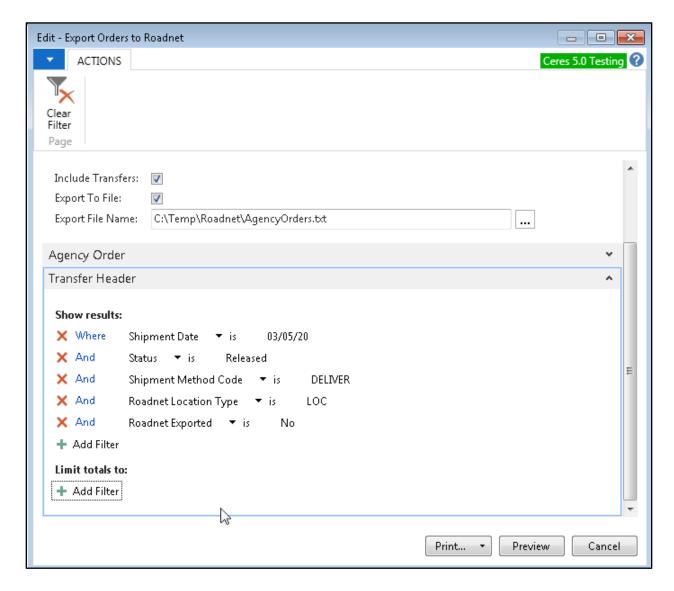


Expand the Transfer Header FastTab

In the Roadnet Exported field, select if you want to filter for orders that have not been sent to Roadnet, or filter for orders that have already been sent and need resubmission. If you want to choose both, leave this field blank

Set the rest of the filters accordingly to limit the orders that are included in the export. In the example below, the generated report will include transfers that are released for 03/05/2020, are Delivery orders, have a Roadnet Location Type of LOC, and were not sent to Roadnet.

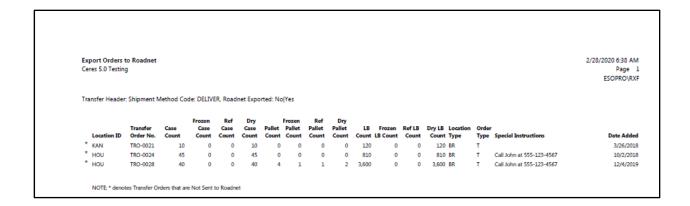
Note: The Shipment/Pickup Date maps to the Session Date in the Roadnet software. When you submit an export file to Roadnet that includes multiple dates, a session in Roadnet will be created for each date.



Click the Print button or the Preview button

Note: If Export to file is checked and a file exists with the same name as the one specified in the Export File Name field, Ceres will send a warning message. Click Yes to overwrite the file, or click No and change the Export File Name field on the report request form.

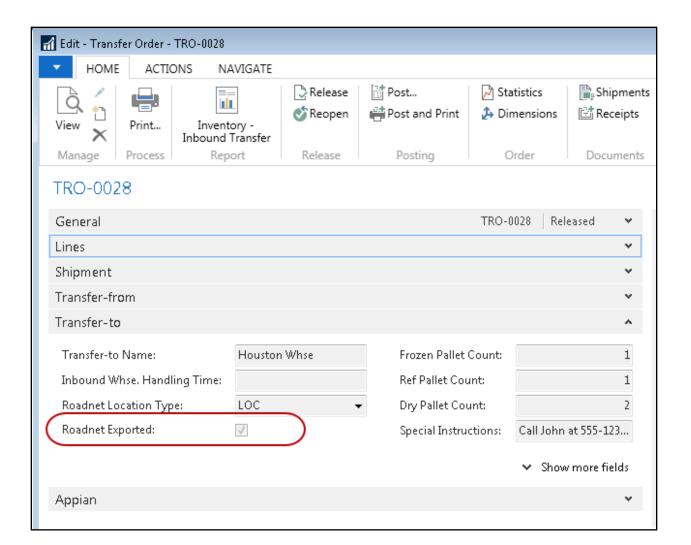
Below is an example of the Ceres report:



Below is an example line from the exported file



Once the export file is created, the corresponding Transfer Orders will change so that the Roadnet Exported field will be checked



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- 2. Roadnet Agency Order Exports
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